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Briefly

Open house at 3 fire stations

The Granite City Fire Department will be holding an open house through Friday, Oct. 11, at all three engine houses from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. The public is invited to view fire equipment and meet the firefighters and paramedics. There will be a simulated car wreck rescue at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the main fire station at 2300 Madison Ave. The other stations are at 221 Richmond Ave. and 2700 Rock Road.

Storytime for young children

The Granite City Library has begun its Storytime for the fall season. The series offers preschool children the opportunity to experience literature, songs and book-related crafts in a fun-filled, inviting setting. Storytime will continue Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the main library, 2001 Delmar Ave., and 3:30 p.m. at the branch library, 2145 Johnson Road. For more information, persons may 452-6238.

Tip of the hat



C.R. Wells of Granite City recently received a first-place award in the 1991 Illinois Secretary of State's Antique Auto and Sports Car Meet in Springfield. Wells was honored for his 1963 Corvair in the Special Merit class. There were 211 antique vehicles and sports cars entered in the event. The award was presented by Secretary of State George H. Ryan.

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Katrina Meshach, a staff member at Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project, adjusts the harness of a Harris Hawk during a flight demonstration.

Raptor project holding open house

The Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project Inc., which recently made a presentation at Granite City's Outdoor Classroom, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

Raptor, the Latin term for "to seize or grasp," is another name for a bird of prey. Raptors include hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, eagles, condors and kites.

The goal of the RRPP, according to Walter C. Crawford Jr., the executive director, is to "provide leadership and knowledge in the preservation of birds of prey."

"We are attempting to reverse some of the abuse that man has inflicted upon these noble birds," he said.

The RRPP center is located at the Tyson Research Center of Washington University in St. Louis at the Beaumont-Antire Road exit of Interstate 44 near Eurocopter. It is among the largest centers of its kind in the United States.

On display will be more than 35 species of raptors including the thick-billed parrot, American's remaining parrot species, the Eurasian Eagle Owl, the world's largest owl, and Andean Condors, the giants of the skies.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, buttons, jackets, and many other souvenir items will be available for purchase and a "pick-an-egg" raffle will be held. All proceeds from the open house will go to benefit the birds.

Heart attack proves fatal to Paul Hawkins

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Instead of attending a Finance Committee meeting Tuesday afternoon, Madison County Board members paid their last respects to Paul Hawkins.

Hawkins, 64, who served as the county's building, zoning and environmental control administrator for nearly 25 years, died at 4:10 p.m. Sunday in an Alton hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Gent Funeral Home, 2409 State St., Alton, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today.

"He was a good employee, a good administrator and a very, very close personal friend," said Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, D-Granite City.

"He knew his job and did it well — he helped a lot of people," Hagnauer said.

Hagnauer said Madison County State's Attorney William Haine would be naming an acting

director this week to temporarily replace Hawkins.

"It's going to be very hard to find a replacement," Hagnauer said. "I don't know how soon we'll begin until I meet with some committees and see what we're going to do."

Hawkins' death came as a shock to many officials, including Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, who had just seen him at a fund-raiser Thursday night.

"It's a true loss for Madison County," Dunstan said. "Even outside the courthouse Paul was the nicest person you'd ever want to meet."

Dunstan said that Hawkins' death "caught everybody off guard" and drove home a conversation that Dunstan had had with Hawkins in the last few months.

"He had talked about in a few years retiring," Dunstan said. "Now he doesn't have that opportunity."

Robert Stille, D-Edwardsville, said Hawkins' personality and

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Hardee's Restaurants provide aprons for Old Newsboys Day

Hardee's Restaurants will again provide a helping hand for the Old Newsboys Day fund drive. Thanks to the generosity of this corporate sponsor, it will be easy to spot the Old Newsboys and Newsgirls Nov. 21.

For the third consecutive year, Hardee's Restaurants is providing customized aprons to all the volunteers. Those souls that brave the elements to hawk special edition papers will also receive a free sausage biscuit breakfast from Hardee's.

"The donation from Hardee's Restaurants is a substantial contribution since there are more than 8,000 volunteers," Thomas Rice, president of the Suburban Journals, said. "We appreciate their generosity in providing this traditional symbol of the Old

Newsboys Day volunteer." The bright orange and blue aprons serve several purposes. They set the Old Newsboys apart from the crowd and make them hard to miss. And, on what is often one of the coldest days of the season, they provide an extra layer of warmth.

The aprons are also equipped with a handy front pocket for collecting donations. Every penny paid for an Old Newsboys Day newspaper benefits local children's charities.

Those who would like to have an Old Newsboys Day apron of their very own can do so by joining their neighbors in the fund drive. Simply call the Old Newsboys Day hotline at (314) 821-0211. All it takes is a few hours of time and a generous spirit.

Crisis nursery established

By Jeffrey Peyton
Staff writer

In an effort to keep troubled families together, and to keep children from having to enter the foster care system, a Crisis Nursery has been established at Centerville Township Hospital.

One of only four nurseries of its type in Illinois, the St. Clair County Crisis Nursery services a seven-county region surrounding East St. Louis, including Madison, Monroe, Randolph and Washington counties.

According to Lala Coleman, the program director, the nursery is a product of a joint effort by Centerville Township Hospital, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

"Our goal is to assist DCFS in keeping children out of foster care," Coleman said.

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Old Newsboys Day chairman Samuel B. Hayes III, left, chairman of Boatmen's Bancshares, and Robert Price, vice president of Area IV, Hardee's Food Systems Inc., hold up one of the bright orange aprons that Hardee's provides to the thousands of volunteers who man area street corners on Old Newsboys Day.

Firefighters keeping busy 3 major fires over weekend

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City firefighters had no trouble keeping warm and busy as the weather turned wintry over the weekend.

Three large fires, one in Lincoln Place, one in West Granite and one downtown, kept firefighters busy.

Two of the fires were listed as "suspicious" in nature and are still being investigated. The third was apparently caused by negligent use of a space heater, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace said.

The first blaze, at Sammy's Tavern, 821 Niedringhaus Ave., began at 4:55 a.m. Saturday. The source was initially listed as undetermined, but Capt. Kip Pomeroy of the Police Department said Monday the fire was accidental, and electrical in

nature. A recently installed alarm system may have been the cause of the blaze, Pomeroy said.

According to Wallace, the fire ignited in an area near the end of a bar, near a closet.

Damage to the building was estimated at between \$60,000 and \$100,000. Heavy smoke damage was sustained throughout the building, but "the structural integrity of the building was not compromised except for the floor and stairs, which were burned out," Wallace said.

Leo Nighohossian, who runs the tavern for his father, Samuel, said he hopes to have the business open again "as soon as possible. There will be quite a bit of work involved, and I'm not really sure how I'm going to go about it yet. I hope to be open

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GCS to close cold roll department

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Granite City Steel announced Monday that it plans to close its cold roll finishing department sometime after the first of the year.

"We're not talking about a major shutdown, just one teeny-weeny department," said Bob Maxwell, GC Steel manager for public relations. "We're just getting out of the cold-roll finishing business."

Maxwell said the department, which includes annealing, a temper mill, a leveler and a shipping floor, employs about 60 people.

He said the decision to shut down is not yet final, but if it does happen, other jobs for the employees will be found within Granite City Steel.

"We've probably had around 60 people retire already this year, so we are talking about a number that can easily be absorbed through attrition," Maxwell said. He said Granite City Steel employs approximately 3,500 people.

According to an update for employees signed by Kemp Beall, vice president and general manager of Granite City Steel, the decision is based on a study of all finishing facilities in the National Steel Corp., the parent company of Granite City Steel.

That, he said, along with the scarcity of capital available for investment in facilities and the age and condition of the various cold-rolled producing facilities at (Granite City Steel) led to the decision to shut down the department.

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Venice man receives 15 years in shooting

A Venice man received a 15-year prison sentence Monday in the shooting death of a St. Louis man outside a package liquor store earlier this year.

Don Garrett, 19, of the 1000 block of Douglas Street pleaded guilty to second-degree murder following plea negotiations between Assistant State's Attorney Robert Trone and defense attorney Thomas Hildebrand. The plea was entered before Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner.

Garrett was indicted April 11 by a Madison County grand jury on first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and aggravated battery in the Feb.

25 shooting death of Ronald Roberts, 28, of St. Louis.

The first-degree murder charge was reduced and the additional charges were dropped.

Roberts was shot as he drove away from the Garrett's Cut-Rate Liquor Store on Weaver Street in Venice.

Roberts and Garrett had quarreled outside the liquor store before the shooting. As Roberts and a companion were driving away, Garrett opened fire on Roberts.

One of the bullets traveled through the car's trunk, into the back seat and then through the driver's seat, where it struck

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SIUE will watch costs

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is going to be watching its pennies and keeping a tight hold on the purse strings, President Earl Lazerson said.

In a state of the university address, Lazerson explained the steps the administration will take to keep costs and spending down.

"The university will not see much, if anything, of state money in the next three or four years," Lazerson warned. He added that the state may face a budget deficit of up to \$1 billion if the economic situation does not improve. This would dry up virtually all funding from the state, he added.

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NEWS



Kevin Horrigan

A real world problem! What to do with Ozzie

Good morning, doctor. Thank you for agreeing to see me on short notice. My problem is I can't stop worrying about Ozzie Smith.

The coach? Yes, it's very nice. Oh, you want me to lie down on it. Sure? OK. Well, the way I figure it, a man charged with explaining the world in 750 words once a week has bigger fish to fry than Ozzie Smith, right?

I mean, what the heck, doc? I must be crazy to be worrying about a millionaire athlete when I should be worrying about homicide rates. Or airport controversies. Or Tadjikistan, wherever that is. Or how to open an account in the House Bank so I can bounce checks like Curly Neal used to bounce basketballs.

And yet I can't help myself. I keep returning to Ozzie Smith. The Cardinals have an option on his services for 1992, you know, doc. If they pick up that option, Ozzie will have to play here another year for a paltry \$2.2 million.

Yes, I know not even psychiatrists make that much money. But you don't have to retire when you're 40 or so, doc. Ozzie's getting close to the end of line. He'll be 37 the day after Christmas and he wants a new contract now. He had a good year and he wants to cash in.

That's the problem, doc? Where does loyalty lie? Should I be loyal to Ozzie or loyal to the Cardinals? I mean, nobody put a gun at his head and made him sign that contract three years ago, the one with the option year. On the other hand, he's meant a lot to the team. Shouldn't they stand by him, hand him a new contract? Let him finish his career here?

Whatever happened to loyalty, doc? Here's a guy, Robert Gates, wants to run the CIA. All of his ex-associates have come before the Senate Intelligence Committee and crucified him. Where is his loyalty?

And what about Gorbachev? He made a guy his vice president and next thing you know, the guy's plotting a coup against him. It's all so confusing, doc. And Ozzie's right in the middle of it. I dream about him, testifying against Gates. And then I see him standing on the Kremlin Wall with a birthmark on his head.

I worry what will happen if Ozzie leaves. He'd have to close his restaurant. He might stop doing those commercials for Johnny Londoff Chevrolet. His book sales would plummet. His video sales would go in the tank.

Everyone I meet is concerned about Ozzie. "How are you doing?" they ask. "What's the deal with Ozzie?" Or, "What are they going to do with Ozzie? You want fries with that?"

Fine, I say. I don't know. Hold the fries.

I've been writing about Ozzie Smith for 10 years, doc. The last time I saw him, a couple of weeks ago, he told me he was going someplace to hide after the baseball season and let the weirdness die down. Easy for him to say. Where am I going to hide?

I went to see him at Busch last Wednesday, just in case it turned out to be his last home game with the Cardinals. He went oh-for-four and didn't even turn his famous backflip, so I knew he was upset. I didn't turn one either.

He is the most remarkable athlete I've ever known, simply because he is so much better than he ought to be. No one ought to be able to do things he's done on a baseball field, especially a man going on 37 years old.

He lifted weights, he developed gruesome training methods, he swilled nasty high-carbohydrate drinks, he tried bizarre implements like swivel-spike shoes and top-hand bats and bats that had umbrellas on them. Assuming he took 100 ground balls a day over eight months in each of the 10 years he's spent with the Cardinals, he fielded nearly a quarter-million grounders, just in practice.

He did all this because he has this strange, prickly pride in himself. He has this big chip on his shoulder. Tell him he can't do something, he wants to prove you wrong. But it also makes his feelings very tender. And now his feelings are hurt.

What should I think, doc? Should I tell him to suck it up and stop whining? Or should I tell the Cardinals to suck it up and pay him what he wants? Where does loyalty lie?

I keep seeing seeing Game 5 of the 1985 playoffs in my head, where Ozzie turns on that Tom Niedenfuer fastball and hits it over the right field wall and Jack Buck is screaming, "Go, crazy, folks! Go crazy!"

I'm afraid I have.

(Kevin Horrigan is co-host of "The Morning Meeting" on KMOX Radio from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.)

Police log

Granite City

School burglarized

A 29-year-old Lincoln Place man arrested at 4:09 a.m. Thursday at Frather Elementary School and was charged with burglary and was being held on another charge as well.

Officers responded to an alarm at the school, 2300 West 25th Street, and secured the perimeter of the building while awaiting a K-9 officer and Max, the police dog.

Max located Robert E. Borden, of the 1700 block of Chestnut Street, in a teachers lounge in the building, according to a police report. A computer check on Borden revealed he was wanted by Jefferson City, Mo. police on a parole-violation warrant.

Borden was subsequently charged with burglary. Principal Bob Bischoff told police nothing appeared to be missing from the school building.

Gun missing

Kenneth Hunter, 44, of Grenzer Homes in Madison, reported a .44 caliber Derringer was discovered missing from the trunk of his white 1983 Mercury Cougar at 9 a.m. Sept. 26 after shopping at the Granite City National Supermarket. The value of the gun was estimated at \$375.

Tools stolen

Joseph Spanberger, 28, of Nassau Street, reported two tool boxes containing tools, with a total value of \$700, were taken from the back of his gray 1987 Chevrolet pickup truck between Sept. 12-16.

Lottery theft alleged

Ronald L. Dunnivant Jr., 18, of the 1600 block of Edison Avenue, and Paul D. Gavin, 25, of Edwardsville, were both arrested at 3 p.m. Oct. 2 at a house in the 1700 block of Delmar Avenue on warrants charging them with theft of over \$300 value.

Bond on each was set at \$50,000.

Capt. Kip Pomeroy said Dunnivant and Gavin are alleged to have possessed more than \$300 worth of lottery tickets taken in

a burglary in Columbia, Ill.

Six injured in accident

An accident on Nameoki Road in front of the Kirkpatrick Homes housing project at about 8:10 a.m. Oct. 3 resulted in injuries to both drivers and four children passengers.

According to a police report, a brown 1978 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Judith L. Colp, 28, of the 2300 block of Kirkpatrick Homes pulled into traffic on Nameoki Road from a driveway in the housing project and was struck by a southbound white 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Treva M. Dickerman, 38, of the 100 block of Wilson Park Lane.

Colp and four children in her car, William Colp, 12, and Ashley Colp, 7, both of the 2800 block of Kirkpatrick, Nick S. Wilson, 10, of the 4400 block of Kirkpatrick and Ashley Rippey, 7, of the 4600 block of Kirkpatrick, were taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

Dickerman was also taken to the hospital, treated and released.

A fifth child in the Colp car and two children in the Dickerman car were uninjured.

Judith Colp was ticketed for failure to yield to avoid an accident.

Juvenile arrested

A 16-year-old Pontoon Beach boy, wanted on 21 warrants in Illinois, was arrested near Granite City High School at 12:25 p.m. Oct. 2.

An officer dispatched to the school, where the boy had attempted to register for classes, stopped a 1979 Chevrolet pickup truck at the intersection of Iowa and 30th streets and arrested the boy, a passenger in his father's vehicle.

According to Capt. Kip Pomeroy, the warrants out of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in Dade City, Fla., include failure to appear in court on eight charges of burglary, grand theft; failure to appear on seven charges of armed burglary, grand theft; and failure to appear on a burglary charge and on battery against a law enforcement officer.

Bond on the warrants is \$20,000.

Grand jury has not heard racial graffiti evidence

A Madison County grand jury has not yet heard evidence in the case of a black family whose Granite City home was the target of racial graffiti last month.

"Nothing's been heard yet nor has anything been scheduled," said Mark Von Nida, administrative assistant to Madison County State's Attorney William Haine. "At this point the police investigation is incomplete."

The home of Yvonne Webb, in the 2200 block of Benton Street, was defaced with a number of racial slurs Sept. 16 between 10:20 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Blue chalk was used to write the slurs on the home where Webb has lived with her two children for about 18 months.

The Granite City Police Department is pursuing the case under the Illinois "hate crimes law," which covers actions such

as vandalism which are directed at a person because of race, color, creed, religion or other beliefs or lifestyles.

Von Nida said there may have been some confusion regarding grand jury action in the case last week because the grand jury had issued a subpoena for photos taken by the Granite City Press-Record/Journal.

The subpoena was not needed however, because the photographs had already been turned over to the Granite City Police Department, newspaper officials said.

The subpoena was issued for the photos which may "aid (Granite City police) in their investigation," Von Nida said.

"(The photos) may make something more complete to bring before the grand jury."

Fears sued by food supplier

A Pennsylvania food supplier filed suit Thursday against Collinsville businessman Gary Fears, seeking more than \$256,000 the company claims it is owed for "foodstuffs and other items."

The suit was filed in Madison County by Monarch/Sky Bros., a division of J.P. Food Service, based in Altona, Pa.

The suit seeks \$256,540 from Fears and four business affiliates, Dinner House Management, Steak House Acquisitions, G&V Inc., and Budget Steakhouse Partners. The suit claims that payment has been demanded but refused.

Fears declined comment Friday, saying that he had not yet seen the suit.

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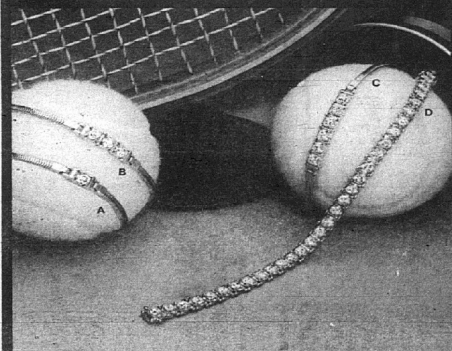
Striking?

See the Thursday Press-Record and Sunday Press-Record/Journal for the latest developments in the threat by Madison Street Department workers to strike over a contract dispute.

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Farm becomes first property in state sold under drug law

A former marijuana farm will be a secluded family home for a couple who became the first buyers in the state of seized property under a new drug law.

The 40-acre farm in scenic rolling hills near Blue Ridge Road was sold Thursday for \$63,000 to a couple who plan to fix up the farm house and later build a new home.

The rural Alton property was forfeited to the state last year by the owner, who pleaded guilty to a minor marijuana charge and paid \$100 in fines and costs.

The property is the first forfeited real estate to be sold under the law that allows the state to take possession of property of drug dealing suspects. The money from the sale will be divided among law enforcement agencies.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the forfeiture law will help defray the costs of enforcing drug laws.

"There's no question that it helps law enforcement, and it helps raise the cost of doing business for drug traffickers," he said.

David L. Gunter forfeited the property in November under provisions of the state's cannabis control act. Haine said the property was used to produce marijuana.

Police searched the property in September 1990 and found 30 to 40 burned marijuana stalks in the ground, 15 cut plants in the home's basement and a quantity of seeds.

Gunter later pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and was

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— William Haine
State's attorney

sentenced to a year of court supervision and ordered to pay a fine and surcharge of \$38 and \$62 costs.

The cannabis control act was amended in September 1990 to allow forfeitures of real estate used in cannabis production.

Sale of the property was handled by Gary Crane, an agent with the Charles J. Hemphill Real Estate Co. in Alton.

Crane declined to name the high bidder, but said they got a beautiful place to build a home.

The couple did not want to reveal their identity because the property was being visited recently by people hoping to find remnants of the marijuana grown on the farm. "They would even get the wrong farm and bother the neighbors," Crane said.

However, the marijuana plants have long been destroyed, he emphasized.

Crane said the property drew considerable interest. The house and two outbuildings need repairs, he said.

The Hemphill agency has been designated to sell forfeited property in this area for the Illinois State Police. He said the agency

was selected after it responded to an advertisement for proposals.

The property will be marketed in the same way as any other property listed with the agency, Crane said.

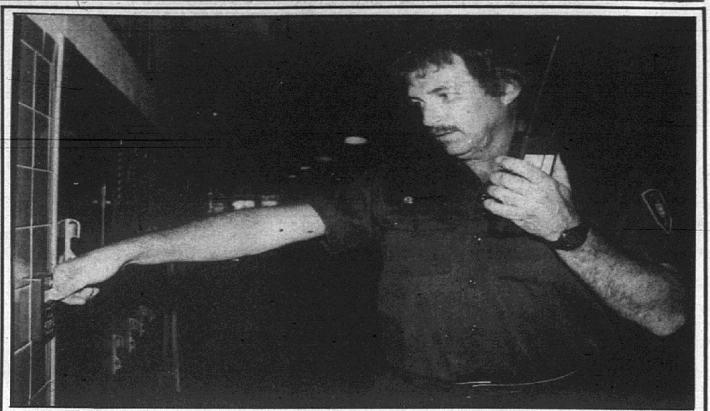
The law provides that proceeds from the sale of forfeited property be divided among the state's attorney's office, State Police, local police and other law enforcement agencies.

Terry Remelius, assistant zone commander of the State Police Division of Criminal Investigation, said the Madison and Jersey counties' sheriff's departments each will receive 10 percent of the sale proceeds after mortgage, lien and processing expenses are paid on the former Gunter property. Haine's office will get 12 1/2 percent.

The counties are expected to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 each, DEI Master Sgt. Carl Anders said of preliminary estimates. The state's attorney's office will get slightly more.

Haine said authorities are considering possible seizure of other properties used for illicit drug activities, including several reputed "crack houses."

— From the Alton Telegraph



Fire prevention — Fire Capt. Robert Dawes prepares to pull the fire alarm at Wilson Elementary School as part of a surprise fire drill. The drill was part of local Fire Prevention Week activities.

Business booms in Belle's 2nd week

The Alton Belle trumped itself in its second full week of gambling, posting significant increase in revenue and attendance.

The state Gaming Board reported Oct. 1 the boat had \$719,828 in gambling profits for the one-week period ending at 6 a.m. Sept. 29, up 27 percent from the \$565,215 dropped at the tables and in slot machines the previous week.

Since the start of riverboat gambling at Alton the evening of Sept. 10, the total house win has

been \$1,581,504.

The Belle is doing better at this point than its owners projected in July, said Gaming Board fiscal officer Tom Hutchinson. They had predicted about \$21 million in revenues the first year.

The city of Alton's share — 5 percent of gambling profits and \$1 per passenger — brings its no risk jackpot to \$111,278. Hutchinson said the city's first check for its share of the September winnings should be mailed before the end of the month.

The state is also richer, reaping \$269,429 from its 15 percent tax on gambling revenue and \$1 per admission.

The Gaming Board reported 14,047 boarded the Belle the second week, up from 11,026 the first full week of operation, Sept. 16-22. The boat had boarded a total of 32,203 from the start of cruises through Sept. 29.

Daily attendance last week ranged from a low of 1,335 to a high of 2,607.

— From the Alton Telegraph

500 businesses to participate in job fair

About 50 large and small businesses will be in Collinsville Friday looking for new employees to add to their workforces.

Those businesses will be available at a job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gateway Center in Collinsville to provide application and primary interview opportunities. The fair is open to the public with free admission and free parking.

"We have written and contacted employers in the metro area who are seeking employees and have given them the opportunity to have a booth at the fair," said

Dan Churovich, administrator for the Madison County Employment and Training Department.

All employers at the fair will be looking for employees, Churovich said.

The fair is the second of its kind offered by the county training department.

"We did this last year in conjunction with the area agency on aging," Churovich said. "That was primarily for seniors."



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'Rerun' returns for visit today

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

Project Clean Up Drugs and Alcohol will welcome a special visitor to Venice — Fred "Rerun" Berry — on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Berry, known to fans as "Rerun" from the hit 1970s television show "What's Happening," is remembered fondly by many viewers.

The St. Louis native will visit the Venice schools and make several stops in the community to greet residents, said the Rev. John Henry Williams, program director for Project Cleanup.

Berry will start his tour of Venice at 9:15 a.m. Oct. 9 at the McKinley Bridge Office. From there, he will stop at the Venice Recreation Center, 323 Broadway, and then on to the Venice Senior Citizens Center at Brown and Klein streets.

He will make a brief appearance at the Lee Wright Homes office building, travel along Weaver Street to Blair School, where he will stop for a short visit before going to the Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307. Residents are invited to welcome Berry along the way.

The actor and musician's final stop will be at the Venice High School gymnasium, where he will address a students-only assembly at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Project Cleanup was founded by the Rev. O.V. Carter. The program is dedicated to help fight drug addiction and alcohol abuse and to help those who want to be helped.

Berry knows about drug addiction from personal experiences, he said. He recommitted his life to God in 1984 and his activities now include anti-drug programs that take him on speaking engagements all over the country.



Berry has also established a boys home in St. Louis called the Fred "Rerun" Berry Boys Homes, run by the Marposa Group, a nonprofit organization. The home is for abused and neglected children, the actor said during a recent visit here.

Keeping school-age children off drugs and alcohol is the main focus of his attention nowadays as he talks with youngsters all across the country.

"I think love and education are the two ways to fight against drugs," Berry said.

"Most kids don't know what it's about until it's too late. If they are educated and told that they are loved, the majority of kids will repel them (drugs)," he said recently.

In May, Berry released his first album of contemporary gospel music. The album released on the independent Christian label, Refuge Records, includes 10 songs, five of which Berry wrote, he said.

Rerun is still involved with television and is working on several pilot series. He is also writing the theme song for a show called "Everything is Relative." He plays the relative.

Currently, Rerun is writing a book about his life and experiences and hopes to get it adapted to film when completed.

Bathon receives national award

Fred Bathon, Madison County auditor, recently received a national award recognizing his efforts in improving the system of investments for Madison County.

In a brief ceremony before the Madison County Board, Board Chairman Nelson Hagauer congratulated Bathon and presented him with a plaque from the National Association of Counties. Hagauer thanked Bathon for the idea that led to the development and implementation of a consolidated funds investment system for which the achievement award was granted.

The award is given annually for programs that successfully address a significant concern of county government. It was one of only five such NACo awards given in Illinois in 1991.

For many years, the county

has pooled investments in order to get higher interest rates, Bathon said. However, he said, there has always been a tendency to keep higher balances in lower yielding interest-bearing accounts in order to provide for required liquidity.

Bathon's new system of funds consolidation makes it possible to invest some of these balances at higher rates.

His system also makes it possible to make investments for longer periods of time and contribute more interest.

A conservative estimate of \$35,000 reflects the annual increased interest revenues that are now earned annually, Bathon said.

Although the main objective of the program was to make it possible to improve investment yields, several other benefits

have resulted. According to Bathon, it has contributed to better long-term investment planning. Although it is very difficult to anticipate the cash requirements of specific funds, the average needs of all funds is much more predictable.

Making fewer transactions in bigger amounts has also enhanced communications as well as reduced related data entry and paperwork for certain county offices, he said. Several functions that were previously performed manually are now computerized.

This is the second time Bathon has been recognized nationally in recent months. Earlier, he received an award for a completely different project related to improved methods in annual reporting by the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada.

BAC accepts bids on employee insurance

By Jim Haverstick
Staff writer

Belleville Area College accepted bids last week from insurance carriers wishing to provide employee benefit packages for the 335 full-time faculty and staff members of the college.

Bids were opened at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, for insurance plans including medical, life, supplemental life, accidental death or dismemberment, long-term disability and dependent life insurance, said Larry Friedrich, BAC director of personnel.

"At this point I am very pleased with the quality and quantity of the bids which we received from insurance companies," Friedrich said.

He could not pinpoint the number of bids he received because many of the insurance companies bid to provide more than one of the plans, Friedrich said.

Friedrich will review the bids with insurance consultant Scott Gray of Rollins, Burdick and Hunter insurance group in St. Louis. Then Friedrich will discuss the benefit packages with the Employee Benefit Advisory Committee.

Next he will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees' Personnel Committee on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

"I am optimistic that I will be able to recommend to the board a very good set of companies and prices for 1992," Friedrich said.

He declined to discuss the content of the bids.

The Personnel Committee will take its recommendation on the insurance bids to the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 16 meeting.

County GOP to salute Bush Oct. 29

A "Salute to President Bush" dinner and reception will be held at El Romero's Restaurant across the street from Eastgate Plaza in East Alton at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29.

The announcement was made by Dr. Edward W. Ragsdale, chairman of the Madison County Republican Central Committee. William "Bucky" Bush, brother of President George Bush, and George "Bert" Walker, a cousin of the president, will be

featured speakers at the dinner.

Both Bush and Walker are prominent St. Louis businessmen who communicate with the president regularly. Walker is running for a Congressional nomination to oppose Rep. Joan Kelly Horn in Missouri's Second District.

Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. dinner are \$20 per person. Tickets are \$50 each for dinner and a special contributions reception between 5:15 and 6:15

where those attending can meet and discuss issues with Bush and Walker.

Tickets are available from Dr. Ragsdale, 4429 Friarwood Drive, Alton, Ill. 62002, phone 465-9430, or from Cecil Miller and Eleanor Schulte at the Madison County Republican Headquarters, 301-C North Main St., Edwardsville, Ill. 62025, phone 692-1930.

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Madison accepts Dunbar School

After alleviating concerns that it would inherit liability along with the building, the Madison City Council adopted a resolution last week accepting the old Dunbar School property "as is."

The property was transferred from Madison School District 12 by action of the school board and the Madison County Regional Board of School Trustees.

The city of Venice is expected to take similar action Tuesday, Oct. 8, to accept part of the property. The school grounds are within the city limits of both Madison and Venice.

The former school, built in the 1920s, has become unsafe, according to officials, and the buildings on the property are in the process of being condemned for demolition by both cities.

Madison intends to give the property to a developer, who will have the old school building razed and removed and develop six to eight units of residential housing on the lots, according to Mayor John Belloc.

Venice has studied possible use of a newer annex to the school. Mayor Tyrone Echols of Venice could not be reached for comment.

Madison County Regional Superintendent of

Schools Harry Briggs explained that, when the regional board adopted a resolution to convey the property Aug. 6, an indemnification clause was removed from the original language. Thus, Madison School District 12 retains the liability for the property should anyone come forward with an asbestos or other lawsuit.

Madison Superintendent of Schools Dan Kostencki said, "I really am not too worried about the liability ... The building has been closed 10 years now."

Asked about the possibility of an asbestos suit, Kostencki said there was in fact very little asbestos in the building — it was mainly used as insulation for steam pipes — and he doesn't anticipate any problems.

School District 12 Attorney John Papa said it would not be prudent to comment on liability questions in a blanket statement, although he admitted that the question of liability "has been considered."

He said the nature of any claim, the timeliness of the claim, and the insurance coverage existing at the time of any incident would have to be considered when determining liability.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Study time — Laura Nesbit, a junior majoring in speech pathology at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, studies on her parents' porch last Tuesday afternoon in the 2500 block of Benton Avenue.

State cash flow situation remains terrible, comptroller's office says

State government has paid off more than \$750 million in bills from before July 1, but another \$270 million has piled up since.

The cash flow situation remains terrible, said Rick Davis, spokesman for state Comptroller Dawn Clark Lutsch.

The state will remain far behind, although the finish of the lapse period from July 1 to Sept. 30, when the state can still pay off bills from the fiscal year that ended June 30, should relieve some pressure on the state's budget.

On Oct. 2, the state's general revenue fund account held only \$653,000, forcing the comptroller to continue delaying payment on this fiscal year's bills that have piled up to about \$270 million,

Davis said.

"It's like someone having a \$270 mortgage payment due and they only have 65 cents," he said.

The state typically spends \$30 million to \$50 million a day if it has the money.

Through Sept. 30, the comptroller had been giving a priority to paying off the bills from last fiscal year, Davis added.

But it will take a long time to make any dent in the current bills unless Gov. Jim Edgar changes his mind and agrees to Netsch's request to borrow money, Davis said. Netsch had earlier called for borrowing at least \$200 million but Davis said now as much as \$300 million is needed.

Davis said priority is being given to paying off overdue bills to small Medicaid providers, such as pharmacists and nursing homes. The delay in paying Medicaid bills is running at least 120 days, Davis added.

However, he said, the comptroller's office doesn't have many of the Medicaid bills yet because there is such a backlog that the Department of Public Aid has been holding them. The vouchers fill so many boxes that "physically we don't have the room to store them."

"But even if we had the space we don't have the money to pay them anyway," Davis added.

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Help available for illiteracy — but not in the workplace

By Liz Quirin
Staff writer

Struggling to write a report for work or puzzling over the meaning of directions in a technical manual, some Illinois workers can't make it on the job because they're functionally illiterate.

"Many people are embarrassed because they can't read," said Loyce Williams, literacy coordinator for the St. Clair County regional superintendent of schools.

"They don't want anybody to know they can't read," Williams said.

People who are functionally illiterate are unable to understand fully and use printed information, said Diana Schmidt, executive director of Literacy Investment For Tomorrow-Missouri, a promoter of literacy stability in individuals and in the workplace.

Functional illiterates cannot read on a 12th-grade level, follow instructions in a manual or read directions on a bottle, Schmidt said.

In Illinois, about 2 million adults are functionally illiterate, according to information from the Secretary of State's office.

Judith Rake, literacy program coordinator in Springfield, said the Secretary of State coordinates literacy grant programs and provides public information and technical assistance to busi-



nesses that want to establish workplace literacy programs. In the local area, businesses contacted expressed interest in knowing more about state assistance for literacy programs, but said they had no such programs in place.

Ann Neff at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, with about 1,700 employees, said the hospital is interested in finding out more about the programs.

At Memorial Hospital, also in Belleville, Ann Thumure said the hospital has no plans to implement literacy programs at work. Normally, the managers or supervisors identify problems and let personnel know, no one has identified anyone (who needs help), Thumure said.

Memorial employs about 4,800 people.

Businesses with fewer employees, like Belleville Shoe, with about 350, and Weyerhaeuser Company Shipping Container Division in Belleville, with 135, don't have literacy programs in place at work.

"We haven't had any problems here, but that doesn't mean that it doesn't exist," said Dave Neal, general manager at Weyerhaeuser.

Neal said pre-employment

tests may screen out people with problems, but he was not aware of any people who were not hired because of reading problems.

"We haven't seen people come in with those kinds of problems," Neal said.

Marsh Company in Belleville, with about 250 employees, doesn't have a literacy program, but they did have a basic skills class to teach employees mathematics and reading blueprints.

Even at a large Metro East company like Granite City Steel, no in-house literacy programs are in place.

Bob Maxwell, public relations manager at the steel company, said the company has no literacy program and doesn't see a need for one.

Individualized literacy programs are offered through the county superintendent's office or through Belleville Area College's Project Read program.

About 70 students are enrolled in the Project Read literacy program, said its coordinator, Francine Lafferty.

Next week, the Journals focus on one aspect of Project Read, the program run at the St. Clair County Jail.

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They further stated that the recent announcement had only manufacturing location implications and that the move will serve to enhance the company's manufacturing capabilities. Local contractors and distributors will begin receiving product from LaVergne, Tennessee, not Red Bud, as this phase-out is implemented.

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School district gets \$13,909 arts grant

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The money is to be used for operations of a program under the provisions of the kindergarten through sixth grade Comprehensive Fine Arts Program grant. The grant period is from Aug. 31, 1991, to Aug. 31, 1992.

The competitive grant is awarded to school districts to develop comprehensive arts programs in grades kindergarten through six in music, drama, dance and visual arts. The curriculum program developed must include instruction in the historical and cultural significance of the appreciation for and participation in each of the arts.

The district curriculum improvement program is in response to the State Board of Education resolution which advocates an arts in general program for all students. The basic philosophy of the Illinois Arts Plan calls for quality arts experiences for all students in all arts disciplines in regular, ongoing, planned curricula.

The arts motivate students and also enhance, enrich and enliven other subject matter. It is recognized that educational programs in the arts contribute significantly to a responsible and meaningful quality of life of children.

The grant will provide for both the initial development of a comprehensive arts program and the expansion of existing arts programs through staff and curriculum development.

It also will enable a Fine Arts

Committee, consisting of 17 elementary teachers, to gain experience in each of the arts, which will prepare them to write curriculum goals and assessment procedures to meet the state mandate.

The fine arts consultants who will discuss and demonstrate each of the arts are nationally recognized experts in their respective fields.

The schedule of workshops includes:
Oct. 11 — Comprehensive Arts Consultant Sara Davis of Project Heart in Decatur — who will present an overview of the arts by focusing on their importance and vocabulary; use scanning with hands-on activities; demonstrate integrated subject units through examples; and introduce the concept of writing instructional objectives.

Oct. 17 and 18 — Dance/Movement Consultant Barbara Hemmeringer, Professor of Physical Education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb — who will demonstrate movement processes and models; show the interrelation with other subjects; demonstrate the building level from one grade to the next; and work on curriculum samples and assessment procedures.

Nov. 6 and 7 — Music Consultant Sylvia Wallach from Chicago — who will deal with networking within the district through a demonstration of hands-on teaching techniques during mornings and a demonstration of working with kindergarten through sixth grade students during the afternoons, showing the connection of other subjects to dance as a total inte-

grative experience which allows teachers to perceive how they can develop lessons.

Jan. 11, 1991 — Morning professor is Drama Consultant Marilyn Kinsella of Fairview Heights — who will introduce teachers to drama choir, storytelling and creative dramatics; demonstrate classroom uses of drama; and evaluate how to give positive feedback about student performance.

Afternoon presenters are Drama Consultants Viki Oliver and Kathy Harland from the Centralia City Schools — who will present drama activities to incorporate into the curriculum; show the uses of drama as a tool to teach other subjects; and demonstrate the writing of LAPs, Learning Assessment Plans.

Jan. 30 — Visual Arts Consultant Jerilyn Changer from St. Louis — who will relate kinds of activities to each of the state goals and how these are integrated into the classroom; give guidance in writing district visual arts objectives; review published materials; and work in the area of assessment of students.

In addition, the grant provides for the Fine Arts Committee members to attend the Belleville Educational Service Center Region 16 series of four Fine Arts workshops offering guidance in preparing and writing the LAPs. All workshops will include materials and lesson plan examples of learning objectives. Workshops are Oct. 16 — Music and Visual Arts, Nov. 4 — Drama and Nov. 25 — Dance.



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A fresh look — Vicky Sarich paints the trim of her home in the 300 block of Wilson Park Lane while her husband, Greg, paints the side of the house.

Family reading day event set

The Granite City District Library will participate in Channel 2's "Great Expectations Family Reading Day" to be held Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at the main library, 2001 Delmar Ave.

Jeff Reiter, a firefighter from the Granite City Fire Department, will read stories to the children and show them around a fire truck parked in the library's parking lot.

While children listen to a selection of stories, their parents will talk with the librarian about how to choose books for their children and encourage them to read.

Families will sign a Great Expectations Family Reading Pledge Card promising to set aside time each week to read together.

When the families have met their reading pledge for four weeks, they can take their pledge cards to McDonald's Restaurants for a free treat (one per person).

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Vital statistics

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Change of pace

Doctor spends a week helping to rebuild church

This type of construction work is so much different from operating on eyes that my body is having trouble adjusting. I'm not used to all the little nicks, scrapes, imbedded fiberglass splinters, sore muscles and aching back. I long for my cot each night, but when they finally turn the light out at 11, the giggling of the kids and the discomfort of the short cot keep me awake for a long time. — Ed Doisy

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Dr. Edward Doisy III, a Granite City ophthalmologist, spent a week this summer rebuilding a 120-year-old church in Flandreau, S.D.

The project was the annual mission trip for a group of 22 high school aged young people from the Bonhomme Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield, Mo. Doisy was one of four adults who made the trip.

"Basically, the group wanted to make a trip to South Dakota and wanted to work with kids," Doisy said.

After consulting the area church authorities, Doisy said the group found out that a project involving the restoration of a former church was available and that the group could also conduct a bible school for the children on a nearby reservation for the San Tee, a division of the Dakota Sioux nation.

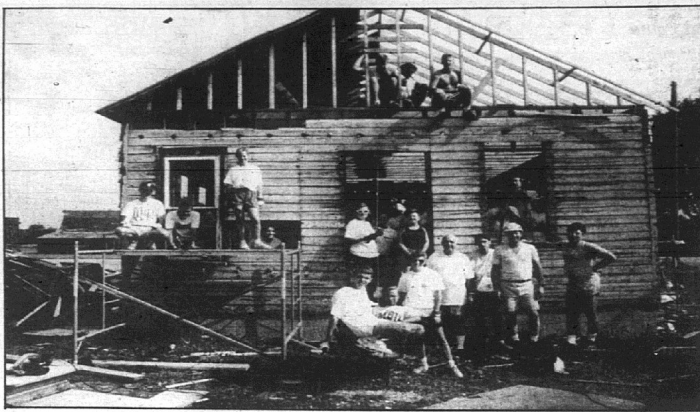
While in South Dakota, the group slept in a community center on the reservation, worked on the restoration during the day and held classes for the children at night.

Doisy kept a journal during the trip and described his first view of the former church on the afternoon of Aug. 4: "The building is 22 by 34 feet and looks like a bomb hit it."

The building, the oldest in Flandreau, had started as a church, but was then moved to the reservation. There it served as a school house, then part of a hospital and later as a private residence. A local group had recently won a fight to preserve it and it was moved to its present site near the Flandreau museum.

"The whole roof and its support have been removed and the interior walls gutted," the journal says. "We immediately began planning our attack and (began) prying up layers of linoleum and plywood that had been applied over the original flooring."

The group worked for four hours that first day and was back at the building at 8 the next morning. Doisy said that last year the group had gone to repair damage caused by Hurricane Hugo on the east coast, so they had a lot of experience "with siding." But, overall, only Doisy and one of the other adults had any real construction experi-



Dr. Edward Doisy III, in hard hat, with youth volunteer workers in Flandreau, S.D.

ence. Doisy went to work on the floor.

"We found that a fire had damaged many of the joists and I spent the whole day jacking up the floor and putting replacement joists in under the floor area," the journal says. "It was exhausting work and I could barely move my arms by 4 p.m."

The group had only one shower to use, located a quarter of a

mile away, so showering after work took several hours, Doisy said. Still, that evening the group held its first Bible study.

The daily routine of the group, Doisy said, was to get up at about 6:30 a.m., fix and eat breakfast, pack sack lunches and get to the building by 8 a.m. There, they worked until about 5 p.m. with a 20 minute break for lunch.

One of Doisy's projects was to build a display-box in the floor to show one of the original joists — a log about 12 inches in diameter that had been flattened on top. Another project was to put wainscoting around the interior wall.

Although Doisy said it was exhausting work, he said the group enjoyed a variety of activities each night. One night, members of the local tribe came and made the group a feast and performed songs and dances, inviting the group to join along.

"The feast was composed of buffalo soup with sun-dried corn, roasted buffalo and fried bread with choked-cherry dip for dessert," the journal says. "Even the picky teen-agers with us ate the Indian food heartily."

Doisy said the group was as

enthusiastic the last day of work as it had been the first. The siding was finished, a steeple was built and mounted in place and a cedar shake roof was built.

While working on the building, Doisy said, the group "adopted" two young boys who lived near the building site.

"They came out every day to help," he said. "I don't think they missed a day. When we were leaving, we presented them with a hardhat and a T-shirt. They were really great kids."

Doisy said that, despite all the hard work, the trip really was a vacation for him.

"It was a major change of pace," he said. "Here (at the eye clinic) I'm running around all day, always moving. It was really nice to do something different."

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Chamber issues awards



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Retiring chamber of commerce women's division president Linda Holder, left, is presented a plaque for her service by new president Linda Reish.



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Retiring chamber of commerce president Jack Lee, left, presents Ben Johannpeter with the presidential gavel.

Cardinals' Calendar available

The St. Louis Baseball Cardinals and the Gateway Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America have once again joined together to create the sixth annual edition of the Cardinals' Family Calendar, titled "A Stroll Through Historic Forest Park."

The 1992 edition of the calendar contains an action shot of the featured player along with a family photo taken at selected locations in Forest Park.

The calendars are the sixth edition of the Cardinals' Family Calendar created by the Gateway Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

Calendars are still available at last year's price of \$7.95 per calendar, with all proceeds going towards the Leukemia Society's programs of patient assistance and research.

The Cardinals' Family Calendars are available at all Dierbergs' Markets, Schnucks Markets, Venture Stores, the Sports Hall of Fame, and at the University of Missouri-St. Louis bookstore.

Mail orders are available for an additional \$1.80 per calendar, shipping and handling charge. For more information, call the Leukemia Society at 878-0780 or 1-800-999-2873.

Red Ribbon campaign set Oct. 19-27

The 1991 Red Ribbon Campaign in Illinois will be held from Oct. 19-27, and Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra and his wife, Kathy, will be honorary chairmen.

The 1991 Red Ribbon message is, "The Choice For Me, Drug Free." The campaign is sponsored by the Illinois Drug Education Alliance and supported by Plaza Health Care of Collinsville. Following the kidnapping and

murder of federal agent Enrique Camarena by drug traffickers in 1985, enraged parents, led by IDEA and the Virginia Federation of Parents, united to fight for drug-free communities.

These two parent groups introduced the red ribbon as a symbol of "intolerance" to illegal drug use and started the Red Ribbon Campaign as the American movement toward eliminating this problem.

Revival set at Dewey Avenue

The Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church, 2136 Dewey Avenue, Granite City, will be holding Christian Revival Services, Oct. 13 through Oct. 16. Special services will be held Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday there will be seminars at 6 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and there will be special worship services at 7 p.m. each evening.

Rev. Jack Kaley, a United Methodist Evangelist from Decatur, will be teaching and preaching during these special times. The Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church and Rev. Norman Sloan, pastor of the church, invite everyone to attend these services.

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State issues millionth vanity plate; popular program began in 1980

Secretary of State George H. Ryan recently presented the one millionth Illinois vanity/personalized license plate to Anthony Behm of Algonquin at Comiskey Park in Chicago.

Ryan presented the license plate, which read "GO SOX 28," to Behm and his 11-year-old daughter Sandra before a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Oakland Athletics. Sandra, a sixth-grade student at Algonquin Middle School

and an avid White Sox fan, had urged her father to order the personalized plate.

The vanity/personalized license plate program, which began in 1980, has generated more than \$21 million for the State Road Fund.

"This is one of the few state government programs in which the people of Illinois have the opportunity to creatively express themselves and, at the same time, help provide financial sup-

port for highway maintenance and traffic safety programs," Ryan said.

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A year in Brazil opened student's eyes

Local teen was an exchange student in Rotary-sponsored program

Almost everyone remembers their senior year in high school, homecoming, the prom, graduation. But one Granite City teen-ager will treasure more unusual memories of his last year in school.

Jason Greco, son of Judy Greco, office manager for Providence Occupational Health Clinic of St. Elizabeth Health Services, spent last year as an exchange student.

"In 1989 Jason saw an ad about being a host family for exchange students," Judy said. "I checked into it and found out the Rotary Club had already filled their needs for that year, but we were an alternate family in case they needed us."

Later that year the Granite City Rotary Club told Jason if he would like to try to be an exchange student, they would sponsor him.

"I didn't think I would have a chance, but decided to try for it," he said. "My family was very supportive. They said if I thought I could do it, then I could go. I thought this could be my way of getting to Holland. Ever since I was little my fantasy was to go there."

In September 1989, Jason was selected to represent Granite City, and was one of 13 students selected as exchange students at district level. Each had to complete a list of 40 countries in the order they preferred to spend the next year.

"In February 1990, I found out I was assigned Brazil," Jason said. "It was ninth on my list, so I wasn't as excited as I would have been if it had been one of my first five."

During his junior year in high school, Jason attended meetings held by the Rotary Club to prepare him for his exchange experience.

That summer he took two senior English classes he would not get credit for in Brazil.

On Aug. 16, Jason, accompanied by his best friend, Tim Knowland, his sister, Michelle and his mom and dad, went to Lambert International Airport to begin his journey.

"It was a very sad time, because I was leaving my family and friends, but at the same time it was an exciting time because it was something new and I had a whole year of excitement ahead of me," he said.

It was one of the hardest things Judy had to do.

"Everything was fine until they called his flight," she said. "Then we all got teary-eyed."

Jason's first impression of Brazil was that everything was green.

"I stayed in Maringa, in the southern part

of Brazil next to the Paraguay and Argentina borders," he said. "They had so many trees. Everything was very clean and green. This city, which is 40 years old, has the largest church in South America."

The first school he attended was private and did not ask for participation from exchange students.

"Everyone there really focuses on studying," he said. "It is really competitive for college. They know they have to do well on entrance exams or they don't get to go."

"I went to school from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 in the afternoon each day, and we had 10 subjects. There were about 100 students in each class."

During summer break, December through February, Jason moved to a second school.

"I went to a different school with my sisters (members of his host Brazilian family) where there were only 22 students per class. I was very surprised a little because in my English class two students did better than I did," he said.

Jason was able to travel with other exchange students to Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina.

"We visited the Amazon jungle, Amazon River and went to several beaches. We also went to Rio de Janeiro," he said. "We even met with the Brazilian president. He asked us questions about ourselves, how we liked his country, and our opinion on the war in the Gulf."

"We didn't know too much about the war since information was not abundant in Brazil. We were kind of closed off from the war, so it was difficult to have an opinion about it. But friends of mine who were in Europe as exchange students were afraid. They wrote me letters saying they were ready to go home. They had received terrorist threats and thought about leaving. I worried about them."

One of the most difficult times for Jason was Christmas. He never got home sick, but Brazilians do not celebrate the occasion like Americans.

"It's hard to get in the spirit there, because it falls in the middle of summer and is very hot. There was no tree in our house. They treat it more religiously than we do. But friends of mine who were in Christmas, which surprised me," he said.

As time grew near for Jason's return to the states, his mother attended meetings sponsored by the Rotary Club called "welcome home stranger." These meetings make parents aware of changes in their homecoming easier.

"I didn't know what to expect when he got home, but one of the members at the meeting made me realize most kids mature during their junior and senior years. He probably would have changed even if he had been here and not in Brazil," Judy said.

On Aug. 11, Jason came back to the states and was greeted by his family at the airport.

"I am excited to be back home. Granite City has changed a little, there are more food places," he said. "There are a lot of musical groups out now so there's a lot of music and songs to catch up on."

My biggest fear was that my best friend, Tim, would be different. I was really wrong about that. We have seen each other every day since I got back."

This year will be busy for Jason and his family. They will host a boy from Mexico in December for four months and Jason begins school at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at the end of summer.

"Traveling has rubbed off on me. I want to see every country I can now, and I hope a degree in communications will help me do that," he said. "My dream is still to go to Holland, and while I'm a college student I can try to be an exchange student again."

Jason's experiences in Brazil have changed him.

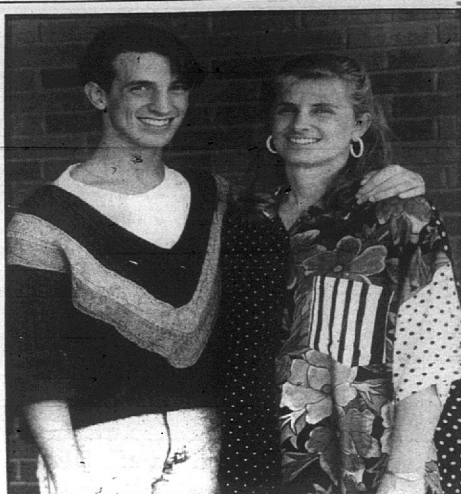
"I am more open-minded, relaxed and I can speak more openly than I did a year ago. I just take things as they come these days," Jason said. "Visiting a Third-World country really opened my eyes to the real world. I am more independent, and this experience has really helped me prepare for the future. I grew up a lot."

"I saw people sleeping on streets who were barely clothed. There were always kids running in the streets begging for money when they knew you had it. I saw a lot of crime."

Jason said although Brazil had been number nine on his list of choices of countries for his exchange, he is recommending it to all of his friends who want to be part of the Rotary program.

"I'm going to tell them, you'll have a good year no matter where you go, but in Brazil you'll really have a good time," he said. "I have learned so much and really grown from my experiences in Brazil. None of my friends had that. I am very fortunate because everyone can say they had a senior year, but not like mine."

"Sure I missed the prom, homecoming and even graduation, but it was worth it."



Jason Greco is happy to be home with his mother, Judy Greco.

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Erma Bombeck receives award from Legion Auxiliary

The national convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary was held in Phoenix, Ariz., the first week of September.

On Sunday, the "Freedom Fest Celebrating the American Spirit" was held.

Featured celebrity was Bob Hope, who was given an award for 50 years of service to the USO Shows for the troops. A video review of his shows over the past 50 years was shown during the afternoon performances of winning drill teams, a huge flag parade and other entertainment.

The award for the Auxiliary's 1991 Woman of the Year was presented to Erma Bombeck, celebrated humorist and author.

The award recognized the "Auxiliary's high regard for the writer's exceptional wit, her talent for finding the humor in every family situation and her remarkably intuitive and gentle style of laughter."

Bombeck has written a syndicated column for more than 700 newspapers since 1965. She has appeared for 11 years on ABC's Good Morning America on a regular basis and has written 10 books.

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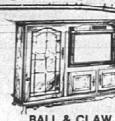
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Reynolds ends basic training



Bryan Reynolds

Marine Pvt. Bryan W. Reynolds has successfully completed the 13-week basic training course of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Reynolds graduated in an outdoor ceremony on Aug. 2 at the Marine Corps Training Center at San Diego, Calif. The Marine is the son of Ellis and Patricia Reynolds of Granite City. He is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School.

Buecker graduates at Lackland

Robert Edward Buecker II of Granite City graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, on July 25.

On hand to witness the graduation ceremonies and congratulate the serviceman were his wife, Valerie Lynn (Mersinger) Buecker, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Buecker I, all of Granite City.

The airman graduated from Granite City High School in 1989 and was inducted into the Air Force on June 11.

Since graduation, Buecker has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo., for further schooling. He will be joined there shortly by his wife, Valerie.



Robert Buecker II

Breckner graduates at Lackland



Harvey Breckner

Maj. Harvey H. Breckner, U.S. Air Force, formerly of Granite City, graduated from Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, with a degree in prosthodontics. He also received his master's degree from University of Texas Health Science Center.

Breckner will be transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Breckner graduated from Granite City High School North in 1975 and from Rockhurst College, Kansas City, with a bachelor's degree.

Breckner graduated from Southern Illinois University, Alton Dental School, in 1983 with D.M.D. degree. He has been in the Air Force since 1983.

He and his wife, Debbie, also formerly of Granite City, have two sons, Matthew and Ryan.

Pontoon Lions join 30,000 in state in Candy Day this weekend

Because sight and hearing are so precious and so irreplaceable, the 30,000 members of the more than 670 Lions Clubs in Illinois hold Candy Day each year to raise funds to support a variety of services for the blind and deaf and for the conservation of sight and hearing.

This year the Lions Club of Pontoon Beach will participate in Candy Day on Friday, Oct. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 12, under the leadership of Randy Werner, club president, and Lynn Squires, Candy Day Chairman.

"We want to help people who already are blind or deaf, and we also want to work to save the sight and hearing of everyone in Illinois," the chairman said. Pontoon Beach Lions Club has a goal of \$4,000. Statewide the Lions will be trying to top the million-dollar mark, or even the two million-dollar mark!

It all depends on the hard work of the Lions and volunteers and on the generosity of the public," he said. "We hope everyone will respond from their hearts." Illinois Lions have a long tra-

dition of humanitarian service. Lionsism, which began in Chicago in 1917, has grown to be the world's largest service organization.

Lions have been involved in sight-related work from the start of Lionsism. Efforts redoubled in 1925 when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become Knights for the Blind.

Locally, the Lions have pur-

chased numerous eye glasses and hearing aids for residents who were in financial need. Local sight and hearing impaired children have been sent free to Camp Lions. An eye donor program has been initiated at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with sight given to eye recipients. Free hearing and glaucoma screenings have been offered.

State official to speak here

Assistant Illinois Attorney General Dennis J. Orsey will explain procedures for filing durable powers of attorney for health care and for property at the next CanSursMount meeting.

The meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, on Oct. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. The group meets in Pascal Hall on the ground floor of the medical center.

Federal and Illinois laws (the

Patient Self-Determination Act) protect each individual's right to have a say in health care decisions. The law instructs health care institutions to inform patients about their rights beginning in December.

Forms will be distributed at the meeting and Orsey will be available to answer questions. Associates and community members are invited to attend, but seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling Education Resources at 798-3201.

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- Oct. 11 Centennial Sounds Concert - 7 p.m. In celebration of the Glen Carbon Centennial, The Edwardsville Municipal Band Ensemble will present a program of 1980's music.
- Oct. 12 Big, Big Bake Sale - 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Old Fashioned Spelling Bee - 11 to 4 p.m. Sam, 1/2 of the team of Sam & Egg from WXJO, 'The Imagination Station', will conduct a Spelling Bee sponsored by the Encyclopedia Britannica.
- Oct. 14 The University Museum Exhibit Friends of Leclaire "Old Fashion Picnic" Leclaire Park - 1 to 5 p.m. - Off Hwy. 159 Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and a picnic lunch or enjoy the "fall" food available at the concession stands. There will be an arts & crafts show, activity & game booths, pony rides by Goshen Livery of Edwardsville and Leclaire Centennial Banner auction.
- Oct. 10-31 Sun. Oct. 13 1:00 p.m. Picnic basket lunches donated by area merchants will be auctioned by Evelyn Bowles. 12:00 - Junior Service Club "Meet of the Mile" Run Proceeds to local D.A.R.E. Program. 2 to 5:30 p.m. - Edwardsville Lionsess Club "Shine on Harvest Moon" Sing-A-Long Featuring the Jean Kittrell Group

Watch your local Journal for details of events each weekend in October.

- Sat. Oct. 19 Montclair Merchant's Association's Pumpkin Patch & Hayride - Highway 159
- Wed. Oct. 23 "Stories by the Hearth" - Edwardsville Rotary Club & WRYT Radio
- Fri. Oct. 25 Witch's Brew Annual Storytelling Edwardsville City Park - Hwy. 159
- Oct. 25-27 & Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 Glen Carbon Jaycee's Haunted House - Cottonwood Mall
- Sat. Oct. 26 Pedal Pushers Bike Club 1st Annual Bike Ramble Downtown Halloween Walk
- Thurs. Oct. 31 Annual Halloween Parade - Downtown Edwardsville

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New thermometer saves precious moments in ER

The next time you have to make a visit to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, don't be alarmed if the nurse asks you to pull your hair back—to take your temperature. Just lend the nurse your ear and in a matter of seconds she or he will know if you have a fever.

For the last month, the emergency room workers have been using a relatively new type of thermometer, one that takes your body temperature through your ear.

According to Terry Deloney, emergency room supervisor, the Diatek 7000 is an infrared tympanic (pertaining to the middle ear) thermometer system—a thermometer that most nurses agree is faster and easier to use.

The tympanic thermometer has been used in larger hospitals for some time," said Laura Carich, a registered nurse in the emergency room. "We are glad to have this technology at SEMC. It gives us the results of the patient's body temperature so quickly and saves time — time we need to help patients because we are so busy."

The Diatek 7000 is a 10-ounce, hand-held, cordless thermometer made of plastic. It has a tip called a probe that is placed in the ear canal to measure body temperature. The probe has disposable covers to insure sanitary use and to protect the sensor.

According to Carich, the tympanic thermometer can be used on patients from one year old and up.

"It only takes about two or three seconds to take a temperature now. Before, we could

spend anywhere from 60 seconds to three minutes taking a patient's temperature — valuable time that could be spent on patient care," Carich said.

The tympanic thermometer also is helpful in taking temperatures of very young children, elderly, disabled or very ill patients who can't hold a thermometer under their tongues.

According to Maxine Johnson, administrative assistant in Nursing Service, the SEMC emergency room is the only patient-care area in the Metro East now using the new tympanic thermometer.

In July, Diatek sales representative Mike Gekalski instructed emergency room associates on how to place the probe of the thermometer in the patient's ear.

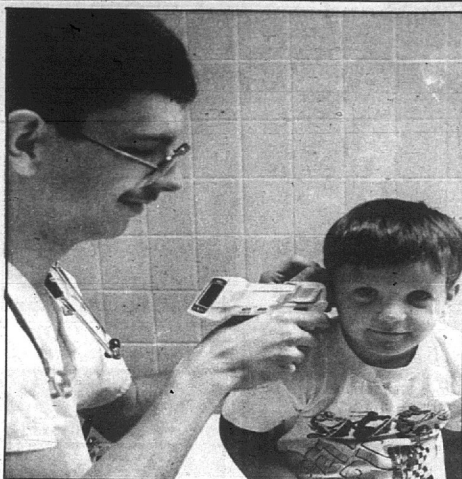
"The placement of the probe is the most critical step in insuring no discomfort for the patient and an accurate reading," Gekalski said.

"The key is to insert the thermometer in the ear canal gently and close off the canal while pressing the thermometer's scan button."

Although at first there was some confusion as to how to insert and use the new thermometer, nurses in emergency room now feel it saves them time. They would like to have another one strictly to use for triage.

The SEMC Auxiliary plans to purchase another tympanic thermometer for the emergency room nurses to use for that purpose.

"Using the tympanic thermometer is another result of technology saving time," said



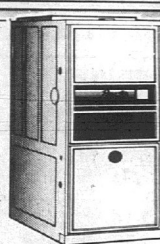
Kelly Rogers, Emergency Room technician, takes Aaron Kinnard's temperature with the tympanic thermometer at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Marilyn Perry, a registered nurse in St. Elizabeth's emergency room.

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Five new members were initiated into the Beta Eta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on Sept. 14: Jacqueline Ehlenfeldt, left, Linda Koenig, Alberta Lang, Laura Pruett and Barbara Varadian.

Beta Eta Chapter initiates five

The Beta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 14 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Five new members initiated were: Jacqueline Ehlenfeldt, Collinsville; Linda Koenig, Granite City; Alberta Lang, Collinsville; Laura Pruett, Highland; and Barbara Varadian, Edwardsville.

Reports were given by committee chairmen: Helen Hall, finance; Margie McGarrahan, membership; Irene Orr, program; Connie Bales, yearbook; Judy Barnett, personal growth and services; Barbara Esker, professional affairs; Nancy Krchniak, legislative; Helen Purkayle, research; Nancy Mar-

ti, communications; Martha Massa, scholarship; Nancy Fox, Zinkgraf, courtesy; Ellen Voyles, projects; Dianne Funkhouser, literacy; Allene Spornol, chapter policy; and Kathy Weber, Women in the Arts.

Krchniak presented the chapter "Educator of the Year Award" to Louise Becker, St. Jacob, for her outstanding contributions to education, the Beta Eta Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma.

The group sang "Autumn Leaves" and "Hey Look Me Over" under the direction of Valerie Stevens.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. in Granite City on Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Americanism essay contest opens

"The Bill of Rights and Me" is the theme of the Fleet Reserve Association Annual Americanism Essay Contest.

The contest is open to all students in grades seven through 12.

A student may submit only one essay, approximately 350 words in length and legibly written or typed on one side of the paper.

Entrants are to include their name, address, school grade, sponsoring FRA Branch and their own or a parent's social security number on a separate sheet of paper.

All entries must be submitted no later than Dec. 1 to: David E. Taylor, Chairman, Americanism Committee, Branch 267, FRA, 5245 Kingwood Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63123.

The national grand prize is a \$1,000 savings bond given for the

best of all grade entries.

Each grade will have a first, second- and third-place award. The amount of these awards at Branch level are: First place, \$100 bond; second place, \$75 bond; and third place, \$50 bond.

All participants will receive a certificate of recognition for participating in the contest. At the regional and national levels, the prizes are savings bonds in the amount of: first place, \$200; second place, \$100; and third place, \$75.

The prize for the overall best entry at the regional level is a \$500 savings bond. Prizes at the local level will be announced after Feb. 15, 1992. The regional level winners will be notified by May 24, 1992, and national winners will also be notified at this time.

Scholarships are available for local engineering students

Applications for scholarships available to high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores and juniors enrolled or planning to enroll in four- or five-year construction or civil engineering degree programs may now be obtained at the offices of the Southern Illinois Builders Association, located at 7623 W. Main St., P.O. Box 739, Belleville, Ill. 62222.

Winners of the scholarship competition, sponsored by the Associated General Contractors of America, Education and Research Foundation, may be eligible for grants of up to \$6,000 over a four-year period of undergraduate study. SIBA is a chapter of the AGC, a national contractors group.

College seniors or others planning to enroll in a full-time master's level construction program in the fall of 1991 may compete for the Saul Horowitz, Jr. Memorial Graduate Award.

The Saul Horowitz, Jr. Memorial Graduate Award is fully endowed, while the undergraduate program is made available through the contributions from members of the Consulting Contractors Council of America, a group of recognized construction industry leaders.

Special awards are also offered under the Undergraduate Scholarship program, including the Robert B. McEachern/General Construction Co. Scholarships, the Stanley F. Pepper Memorial Scholarships, the G.E. Byrne Memorial Scholarships,

the Paul B. Richards Scholarships, the Vernie G. Lindstrom, Jr. Scholarships and the Billy Carter Memorial Scholarships. The deadline for receipt of completed applications, along with the accompanying three audit recommendations (as outlined in the application) is Nov. 15, 1991.

Applicants are selected on the basis of demonstrated interest in a construction industry career, academic performance, extracurricular activities, employment experience and financial need.

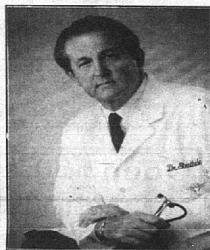
Each finalist is interviewed by an AGC contractor in his or her area and recipients are announced at the annual AGC Convention in March.

The 1992 William A. Klinger Award, which is granted to university construction and construction-oriented civil engineering departments, will also be presented.

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Obituaries



Elsie Joiner

Elsie Mae (Jenkins) Joiner, 65, of Granite City died at 11:12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mrs. Joiner was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Judsonia, Ark. She was employed by Granite City Steel as a hostess in the cafeteria for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband, J.B. Joiner of Granite City; one brother, Floyd Jenkins of Meramec, N.H.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dawn E. Joiner, who died in 1988.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marvylle Road, 931-8000. Arrangements for services are pending.

Elmer Beason

Elmer Beason, 81, of Madison died at 1:48 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 1991, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, where he had been a patient for six days.

Mr. Beason was born Jan. 26, 1910, in Nashville, Tenn., and had been a resident of the Metro East area for many years.

He was employed by American Steel Foundries as a grinder for 12 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of Gethsemane Church of the Living God in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Otilie Beason of Madison; one son, Londe Brante of Alton; two daughters,

Lillie Collins of Madison and Barbara Chatman of Nashville, Tenn.; three sisters, Zelpha Gilbert and Bertha Beason, both of Nashville, and Mildred Beason of Cleveland; 24 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Services will be held at 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Gethsemane Church of the Living God, 1435 Baugh Ave., East St. Louis, with the Rev. Willie Mosby officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Robert Holshouser

Robert L. Holshouser, 64, of Troy, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 1991, at St. Mary's Medical Center in St. Louis.

Born Jan. 30, 1927, in Granite City, he moved from Granite City to Troy as a child. He was general superintendent in the casting department for Spectrolite Consortium in Madison.

He was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 9266 and St. Jerome's Men's Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Kuehn) Holshouser, whom he married Feb. 12, 1949; two sons, Robert Holshouser and James Holshouser, both of Troy; one daughter, Patricia Brown of Troy; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Margaret (Breyer) Holshouser.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Laughlin Funeral Home, Troy, with the Rev. Dean Probst officiating. Burial was at Frieden's Cemetery, Troy.

Masses to St. Jerome's Church are suggested for memorials.

Louise Schuette

Louise S. Schuette, 103, of Alhambra died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 1991, at Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton.

Born Jan. 4, 1888, in Olive Township, she was a homemaker and member of Salem United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Schuette of Riverdale, Ill., and Herman Schuette of Livingston; two daughters, Louise Noeth and

Verna Bollinger, both of Edwardsville; 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Schuette, whom she married April 3, 1910, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church near Worden; he died Dec. 1, 1965.

Also preceding her in death were one son, the Rev. George Schuette; her parents, Henry C. and Louise (Siewers) Eilert; two brothers, Henry and Herman Eilert; and two sisters, Sophie Meyer and Ida Eilert.

Visitation was held from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Daudeman Mortuary in Alhambra and will continue today (Wednesday) from 8 to 11 a.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Arnold Bizer officiating. Burial will be in Spangle Cemetery near Livingston.

Memorials to the Salem United Church of Christ Memorial Fund are suggested.

Margaret Holmes

Margaret E. Holmes, 67, of Granite City died at 11:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 1991, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis County. She had been in failing health.

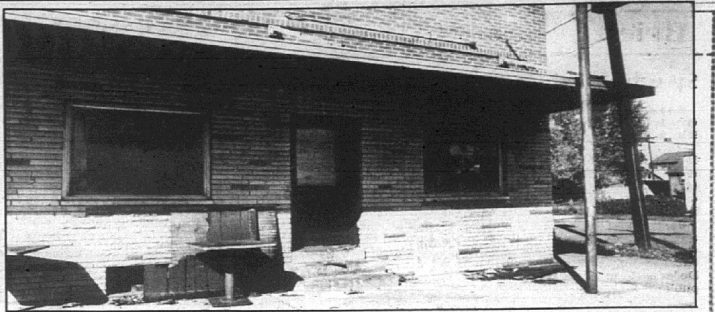
Miss Holmes was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Mount Sterling, Ky. Prior to her retirement in 1979, she was a foreman at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft in St. Louis. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Slater, Mo.

Survivors include four sisters, Mildred Jones of Nicholasville, Ky., May Belle Finkenstein of Sun City, Ariz., Maud Knut of Sedalia, Mo., and Mary Louise Hollingsworth of Dewey, Ariz.; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Claud Holmes and Cora Belle (Hoffman) Holmes.

Funeral services were held Tuesday evening at Targhetta Funeral Home in Brighton with the Revs. Paul and Joyce Anders officiating. Funeral services will also be held at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the First Baptist Church of Slater, Mo., with the Rev. Don Reed officiating. Burial will be in Slater City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Sammy's Tavern is boarded up after fire struck the building Saturday. Charred tables and burned floorboards were seen outside after the tavern, 921 Niedringhaus Ave., burned early Saturday morning. The business is expected to re-open within two months. The fire, which caused extensive damage, was apparently sparked by a faulty alarm system.

•Fires

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again in 1½ to two months." Nighossian said a cherry wood bar in the tavern was destroyed.

"It is irreplaceable. They just don't make them any more," he said of the antique.

Nighossian said the tavern has been operated by his family for more than 44 years.

Firefighters battled the blaze, which was reported by telephone, for about 3½ hours.

An apartment building at 3120-22 West 20th St. was the site of the second fire, occurring at 6:19 a.m. Sunday.

According to a police report, officers noticed an open rear door to the building upon their arrival.

Firefighters told police officers that 22-caliber shells were found scattered about the building, and the blaze had three points of ignition — between a bedroom

and a living room in the east side apartment, between a bedroom and a living room in the west side apartment, and near

the kitchen in the east side apartment, Pam Divine, a spokeswoman for the fire department, said.

Damage was estimated at \$20,000. The duplex is owned by Judith Wallace of Rolla, Mo., Jerry Wallace said. The occupant, Anita Webb, was not home at the time of the blaze.

Firefighters were still looking into the cause of the West Granite fire when a call came in reporting a fire at 1710 Cleveland Blvd. at 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

According to Chief Wallace, the source of the fire was a unit heater which was turned on with combustible material nearby.

The occupant of the apartment, Pam Divine, awoke smelling smoke and went to the rear of the building, where her son had lit the heater. She saw flames, called the Fire Department, notified the downstairs tenants, and got out of the building, Wallace said.

He said firefighters worked at the scene for about 2½ hours. Damage to the building, owned by Charlie Stone, was estimated at \$15,000.

Wallace said the firefighters

"did an exceptional job in containing all three fires. The quick response and actions taken on the scene at all three locations substantially reduced the potential for severe loss."

"The Sammy's fire could have been significant, but the knowledge the guys have obtained in training played a significant role in containing the blaze to the building of origin. Two guys who were first to arrive on the scene waited until the pumps arrived and had lines down before opening the building up and mounting an attack," Wallace said.

There are three buildings attached to the tavern.

"There was smoke and fire rolling out of the building at 1710 (Cleveland) as well, but the quick response and laying of supply lines and getting attack lines in position confined the damage to the structure — and kept exposure damage to a minimum," Wallace said.

He said there is another building "about three feet away" from the burned building on Cleveland Boulevard.

•Costs

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"In the absence of state funding, we must efficiently use the dollars we have," he said.

Lazerson said he will continue the policy of setting aside 2 percent of the budget in addition to other cost-cutting measures. For the last eight years, 2 percent of SUE's base budget has been held in reserve until the end of the fiscal year as a safeguard.

— From the Alton Telegraph

•Hawkins

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knowledge will be sadly missed by many people involved in Madison County government.

"I've known him for 35 to 40 years," Stille said. "I worked with him while I was contract-

ing. His knowledge of the code and environmental rules and regulations was tremendous."

Hawkins, who lived in Godfrey, had held his post since 1967. He is survived by his wife Mary, a daughter, Linda Sigler, a son, Paul Alan Hawkins, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

•Sentence

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Roberts in the left half of his lower back.

Roberts and his companion

traveled for two blocks before the friend flagged down a Venice patrol car about 10:35 p.m. Feb. 25. Roberts was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he died about an hour later.

•Closing

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Maxwell said the line of steel produced by the cold-roll finishing department will either be eliminated, if there is no market, or picked up by either the Midwest or Great Lakes divisions of National Steel Corp.

Beall said the corporation will meet with union representatives "over the next couple of months" to discuss the planned closure, but said the corporation will make the final decision.

At press time, union officers were unavailable for comment.

•Nursery

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ter homes," Coleman said.

Coleman said parents can refer children aged six weeks to six years to the nursery whenever a family is facing eviction, fire, family illness, domestic violence, lack of food or utilities, or other types of crisis situations.

"We'll take children for all kinds of reasons," Coleman said. "We're staffed 24 hours a day, and we can take a child on a moment's notice."

The nursery can keep up to nine children for up to five consecutive days.

All nursery services are free, no matter the income of parents. "We expect that all families, despite their individual incomes, go through times of crisis," Coleman said.

Because most crisis situations preclude planning, the nursery staff can provide for a child's every need.

"Clothes, diapers, baby formula-

la, even shoes," Coleman said.

"In an emergency, parents don't have time to pack everything, so we're set up so they don't have to. When a child comes in, we provide whatever the child doesn't have, plus a lot of love."

Nursery services can be used a maximum of 30 days a year by any individual. Coleman said any situation lasting longer or repeating itself, probably would require more than a short-term separation.

In addition to caring for children during family crises, the nursery has a full-time social worker on staff to help keep the family together after the crisis is over.

Along with processing intakes and discharges, Demita works with children and their families to make sure the family stays together. According to Coleman, Jacox is given the lat-

titude to do whatever she feels necessary to keep a family together.

That includes referring parents to other social agencies, crisis counseling, facilitating parent support groups, and home visits.

Jacox is also available to give presentations about the crisis nursery to local "help" agencies.

But one of Jacox's most important duties, according to Coleman, is the four-month follow-up. According to Coleman, four months after a child is discharged from the nursery Jacox checks with the family to make sure everything is all right.

The nursery opened its doors Aug. 26, after four months planning and preparation. In the month since it opened, several children have come and gone, Coleman said.

Open house at Treehouse this weekend

Treehouse Wildlife Center Inc. will hold its 10th annual free open house Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and 13, from noon until 5 p.m.

Treehouse, a non-profit hospital for wildlife, is located on Fosterburg Road, nine miles north of Ill. Route 111/140 (½ mile south of the Brighton-Sunier Hill Road).

Approximately 450 injured and orphaned bird and mammal patients are admitted to the center annually.

Visitors will see bald eagles, owls, a coyote, herons, "possums, raccoons and other wildlife. "Bring your family, friends and camera," a spokesman said.

"Smokey Bear" will make an appearance. Refreshments will be available, and there will be a silent auction.

Prizes will include a Steve Ross oil painting. There will be no admission fee. Persons may call Treehouse at 372-9092 for further information.

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Briefly

Spaghetti dinner Saturday

The Trinity Annual Bazaar and Spaghetti supper will be held on Oct. 12 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 25th and Henry from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bazaar items will be bake sale items given by the United Methodist Women, primitive wood paintings by June Hubert, crocheted towels, ornaments, wreaths, decorated sweatshirts, baby quilts, picture frames, hats, pillow cases, refrigerator ornaments, plaques, crocheted coasters and afghans by the Evening Circle.

The spaghetti supper will include spaghetti, cole slaw, dessert and drink. Tickets are available for \$4 and can be bought at the door or from any member. Wanda Roebbeck, chairman of the bazaar, Von Dee Cruse, chairman of the kitchen, and Don DeJarnett, minister of the church extend an invitation to the public.

Neighborhood picnic Oct. 13

Suburban Baptist Church will be hosting a Neighborhood Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 13, and extends an invitation to the entire Granite City community. The activities of the afternoon include games for all ages, craft displays and demonstrations, food and entertainment. The activities begin at 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Phil Simcosky invites any interested individuals or families to join. There is no cost, but reservations are requested by Wednesday, Oct. 9. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 876-7404.

The church is located on Maryville Road at St. Clair Avenue. Worship times are at 10:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays and Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages.

Women have fall gathering

The Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church was held on Sept. 24 in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Moderator Barbara Landis welcomed the members and guests as they gathered for a potluck luncheon. Dr. Lewis Trotter, new pastor of the church, led the group in prayer.

Following the luncheon, Trotter officiated at the installation of officers for the coming year. They are: moderator, Barbara Landis; vice moderator, Florence Woodard; secretary, Gladys Pape; treasurer, Burdine Holtzsch; coordinator of mission interpretation, Ella Wade; coordinator of study, Betty Schmuck; and coordinator of involvement and action, Gladys Fuhrman.

Trotter, in closing remarks to the officers, noted that they wear many "hats" during their tenure — hats representing "Honor, Fellowship, Service, Work and Enjoyment". He said he was confident that they would have a good year.

A short business meeting was held. Holtzsch gave the treasurer's report and the Year Book of Prayer was read by Wade.

It was announced that Barbara Landis and Connie Trotter would attend the fall workshop at Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

Landis introduced Anna Mae Moore who spoke to the group about "Share - Self Help and Resource Exchange," sponsored by the Protestant Welfare.

She explained the mission of "Share" is to help people help themselves and help people to help each other. A discussion followed.

Persons interested in the program may call 876-8770 for details.

The installation of Dr. Trotter was held at the church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Church Women Union will host a Schuch's Luncheon on Oct. 10, at Nameoki Methodist Church. Proceeds will go to the layette program and day care fund.

Members present besides those mentioned were Millie Meek, Lois Daniel, Bernadine Cooley and guests Vivienne Danco, Shirley Lane, Minnie Wetzel, Helen Takmajian and Evadine Graville.

'Intercessions' entertains group

The general meeting of the United Methodist Women of Niedringhaus Church was held in the parlor of the church.

Kay Greene, vice president, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and introduced Elizabeth Briggs, who was in charge of the program, "Christian Global Concerns."

Briggs introduced an inter-denominational choral group called "Intercessions" that sang several numbers. The group won a first place award at the Illinois State Fair this year, has performed at Six Flags and is going to entertain at Silver Dollar City in the near future.

After the choristers performed, one of the sponsors, Carolyn Jenkins, discussed the group.

Members of the youth group from Niedringhaus Church, Melanie Embick, Stephanie Jacobs, Kathleen Reader and Chris McMillan, reported on the United Methodist National Youth Global Event held at the University of Missouri at Columbia. All commented on the classes they attended.

KMOX seeks marching music

KMOX Radio is seeking marching music from area high schools for its popular "Morning March" segment, heard Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m., during "Total Information AM."

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Musical selections must be recorded on a 7 1/2-inch reel-to-reel or cassette tape and must be accompanied by the following information:

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In addition, the school must sign a release authorizing KMOX to use the recording.

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Halloween capers set for Oct. 30

The Granite City Park District will sponsor the third annual Creepy Capers on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Brown Recreation Center.

This Halloween event is for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through third. All the children must be in costume, with three prizes being awarded for best costumes in each grade group.

There will be entertainment and movies as well as the parade of costumes.

In addition to special prizes for best costumes, each participant will receive a bag of Halloween treats.

Creep Capers will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Everyone attending must register either in person or by telephone at the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059.

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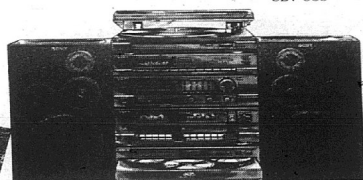
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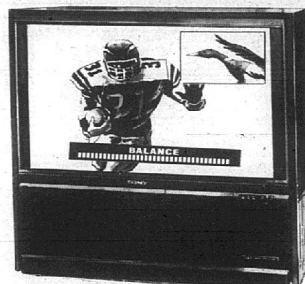
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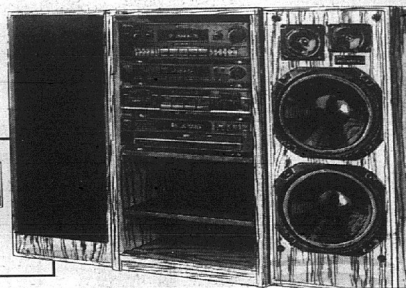
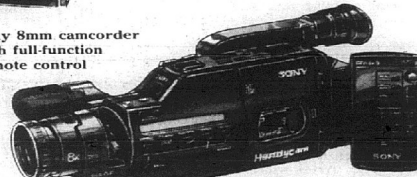
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St. Mary's Williams takes only a month to get 1,000 yards

By Matt Welborn
Staff writer

The exploits of St. Mary's running back Marquis Williams last month created an interesting dilemma for the South County Journal sports staff.

What do you do when you name an individual "Athlete of the Week", and that person goes on to better the award-winning performance the next two weeks?

The answer? Name him Journal Athlete of the Month.

Williams, who transferred to St. Mary's last year from Northwest High School, set a school record Sept. 16 when he rushed for 250 yards on 20 carries in a 42-14 loss to Jackson. He was named Athlete of the Week.

He followed that with a 329-yard game the next week in a 20-0 victory over Rosary. One week later, the 6-0, 175-pound Williams punctuated his superb September by running for 351 yards and five touchdowns on 21 carries in a 40-28 triumph over Kennedy.

The totals for the month: 1,071 yards rushing on 91 carries, an average of 11.7 yards a carry and 267 yards an outing over four games.

Heavy numbers. Williams, though, doesn't need a hat check.

"I just run the ball. I don't keep up with the stats," he said. "Right now, if I look at stats, I might get the big head. I'll look at stats at the end of the year."

At the end of last year's football season, neither Williams nor St. Mary's coach Jim Donley had any idea of what was to come this season. Williams arrived at the south St. Louis school with little fanfare.

Williams, who moved with his

family to south St. Louis from north St. Louis last year, attended Mehlville High School as a ninth grade voluntary desegregation student and played for the freshman team.

However, he tired of the long bus ride to and from school and transferred to Northwest midway through his freshman year. He played with Northwest's varsity as a sophomore, but hardly made headlines, gaining 158 yards on 18 carries.

Although he wasn't unhappy at Northwest, the transfer to St.



Mary's offered a new beginning in a new environment. His father, Jernel Sr., a St. Louis police officer for 34 years, decided St. Mary's would be a good place to instill some discipline into Marquis, who along with his twin sister Marchelli is the youngest of eight children.

"If you can get all the things you need from school and sports, you don't have to go looking in the streets," Jernel said. "I just wanted to put him in an all-boys school and give him a different environment, away from all the problems."

"And," he added, laughing, "he's more focused now because



Marquis Williams ... away from distractions

he doesn't have that girl problem at school."

Williams has become more focused on the football field as well. He admits that his work ethic may have left something to be desired when he first arrived at St. Mary's. However, he's made great strides.

"I've changed my work habits," he said. "I used to play around a lot."

Williams hopes one day to become a team leader, in the mold of St. Mary's senior quarterback Joe Dressel.

"Joe's a good leader," Williams said. "He's kind of like a coach. I'd like to be a leader."

Williams rushed for a mere 134 yards on 23 carries Saturday in the Dragons' 18-0 loss to Southwest. Through five games for 2-3 St. Mary's, he has rushed for 1,205 yards on 114 carries, an average of 241 yards a game.

Other candidates for Athlete of the Month included:

Lester Anderson, football, East St. Louis Lincoln; Sir Ekland, Jerald, John Barroughs; Steve Schur, football, SLUH; Duane Vogler, football, Fort Zumwalt South; John Patterson, football, Duchesne; Sean Lock, cross country, SLUH; Dave Buckner, football, Ladue; Chris Moe, football, East St. Louis; Mike Gibson, football, Ritenour; JOE BREWER.

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Spark plugs good indicator of possible problems ahead

In a normal-looking spark plug, insulator tip is generally grayish white, but beware velvet-like, dull black color

Spark plugs have a hard job and they are used all the time. But even the best ones have their limits. Under certain operating conditions, they suffer. Take a good look at them and they can tell you what their problem is.

Normal

In a normal-looking spark plug, the insulator tip is generally grayish white. This indicates the engine is in good operating condition and the heat range of the plug is correct.

Carbon Deposit

Velvet-like, dull black carbon deposits on the insulator, electrodes and shell can be caused by any of the following: incorrect mixture, dirty air filter, faulty automatic choke, too cold a spark plug, or extreme stop-and-go driving conditions.

To remedy this situation, make appropriate mixture adjustments, replace air filter, or use a hotter spark plug in the case of extreme stop-and-go driving conditions.

Oil Fouled

Wet, shiny deposits are oil. The excessive quantity of oil can result from worn cylinders, piston rings or valves. In a two-stroke engine, it indicates an oil mixture that is too rich. To correct the problem, repair and/or replace worn parts. In either case, new spark plugs should be installed.

Lead Deposit

Yellow insulator deposits are from fuel additives containing lead. With higher lead, the deposit becomes conductive and causes misfiring. New plugs should be installed; cleaning is ineffective.

Severe Lead Deposit

The brownish tint in the yellow glazed deposit is a combination of carbon and lead from fuel and oil additives. They accumulate on the insulator nose during slow driving

conditions; and then under hard acceleration, they melt. As the plug cools, the deposits solidify. Again, cleaning and sandblasting are useless; install new plugs.

Ash Deposits

Brownish, cinder-like deposits on the electrodes and insulator are ash residues from oil and gas additives. The alloying additives leave an unburnable ash in the combustion chamber and on the spark plug.

Partially Melted Center Electrode

A melted electrode, with a white, blistered insulator tip, indicates incorrect heat range or insuffi-

cient installation torque. Note: If the insulator separated from the shell and the shell is discolored, insufficient installation torque is the cause. If the shell is not discolored, overtightening is the cause. Spark plug misfiring will occur and engine damage can result. A thorough tuneup should be performed, and before installing new spark plugs, check the appropriate application to ensure proper heat range.

Melted Center Electrodes

The melting of the center electrode results from abnormal combustion—for example, knocking or overadvanced ignition timing. Misfiring will occur. Power loss

and possible engine damage can result. A thorough tuneup, including the installation of new plugs, is necessary.

Partially Melted Electrodes

A melted ground electrode is caused by preignition. Preignition can result from hot spots in the combustion chamber, overadvanced ignition timing, lean air/fuel mixtures, defective distributor advance mechanisms, deposits in the combustion chamber, defective cylinder head or manifold gaskets.

To avoid preignition, a thorough tuneup is required before installing new spark plugs.

Wet, shiny deposits are oil. The excessive quantity of oil can result from worn cylinders, piston rings or valves.

Center erosion

Erosion is caused by not observing replacement intervals. Misfiring and poor start behavior will result. Install new spark plugs.

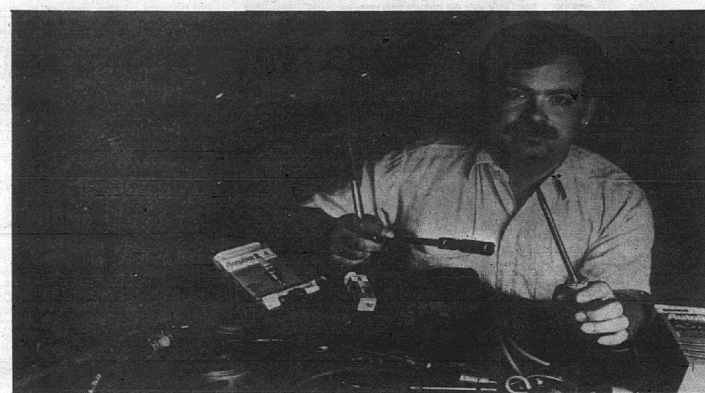
Ground erosion

Electrode erosion is the result of aggressive fuel and oil additives. It is further aggravated by unfavorable gas turbulence in the combustion chamber caused by heavy deposits. This is not a heat range problem. The effects are hard

starting and hesitation on acceleration. Install new spark plugs.

Insulator Nose Broken

This damage may be due to impact, or pressure on the center electrode. If the plug has been used for too long, the insulator nose can be cracked by deposits between the center electrode and the insulator and from corrosion of the center electrode. New spark plugs should be installed.



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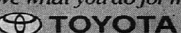
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Community calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newsroom at 876-2060.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Every Wednesday

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the items available are: clothing, commercial-deep fryer and housewares. There will also be items for sale. \$6 a dozen - which can be purchased anytime. Call 876-5860 for further information.

Every Thursday

Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m., Unity Chapel, Stratford and Village Lane, Granite City, 876-8467.
Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Church, quilting room, 2300 Ponton Road, 692-8078.
Al-Anon, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Wiesman Room, first floor (babysitter available), Granite City, 692-8078.

Every Friday

Barbecue, VFW Post 1300 Auxiliary, 2044 Washington, Granite City, beginning at 11 a.m.; 877-8764.
Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Saturday, Oct. 12

International Folk Dance Association, folk dance classes, beginners, Saturdays, Sept. 28 thru Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Holy Communion Episcopal Church, 7401 Delmar, University City, Mo. Cost is \$10 for ten classes. No partners required. For more information or registration, call (314) 538-4024 or (314) 726-5838.

Every Saturday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.
Al-Anon Adult Children, 10 a.m., Suburban Baptist Church, Maryville Road and St. Clair Ave. (babysitter available), 692-8078.

Every Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, Main Floor, Granite City, 876-8467.

Every Monday

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.
Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 692-8078.

TOPS 2048, 6 p.m., Mel Price Support Center in Granite City, 876-2124 or 931-5555.
TOPS IL 645, 7 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St., Granite City, 432-6102.
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Every Tuesday

TOPS 1699, 6:45 p.m. at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St.; call 931-6522 or 797-0562.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Therapists complete training

Graduation ceremonies were held recently at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City for 29 students who completed the Respiratory Therapy Technician Program at Bellevue Area Junior College.

The one-year program, co-sponsored by SEMC and BAC, offers students a full range of courses covering all aspects of respiratory therapy including the

study of lung pathology (disease), patient assessment, pharmacology, diagnostic procedures, and various methods of treatment and rehabilitation of patients suffering from lung problems.

This year's graduates are:
Glen Carbon: Donna L. Scott
Granite City: Lisa Ione Cluffs, Carol J. Newby and Deborah K. Newman

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki, Granite City, 876-8467.
Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Niedringhaus United Church of Christ cafeteria, 20th and Delmar, Granite City (babysitter available), 692-8078

Glen Carbon planning for its centennial celebration

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The Glen Carbon Centennial Committee started out last November with "14 gullible citizens" meeting to discuss it, according to Bill Newman, general chairman.

Almost a year later the committee has grown to more than 75 volunteers but many more are still needed. At a community support meeting for the centennial held Sept. 19, about 40 attended.

"I was hoping for a much bigger crowd but I'm happy with whatever we can get," Newman said.

Phillip Frable of the Rogers Co., a consulting firm that specializes in centennial celebrations, gave a presentation during the meeting.

"When you become a member of the centennial, it becomes your centennial," Frable said. Frable outlined the many volunteer positions available on some 65 committees. Some of

those jobs include working with the revenue division, ticket sales, and working in the headquarters.

Volunteers will also be needed to build a 200-foot stage behind Village Hall, where a historical pageant with 200-300 participants will perform for five nights, Frable said. The performers will also be volunteers.

The centennial will be a two-week-long celebration beginning June 7, 1992. The event will commemorate the signing of the village charter on June 6, 1892.

"The centennial will be a success only with everyone's help," said Joan Foster, president of the Glen Carbon Centennial Corp. and wife of Mayor Ron Foster.

Those who wish to volunteer can pick up a form at Village Hall or call Rita Ranek at 288-1200 to have one mailed to them.

Officials had hoped to raise \$15,000 in operating capital for the centennial by the Sept. 19 meeting, but fell about \$3,000 short.

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Births

Jennifer Mefford

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mefford of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 7:08 a.m. on Aug. 19, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Jennifer Dawn Mefford. She weighed 8 pounds and one ounce. The mother is the former Kim Pointer. Maternal grandparents are Ina Mefford of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Jeanette and Ruby Pointer of Granite City. The couple has one other child, Eric Dewayne, 2½.

Makenna Berkbigler

Matt and Alissa Berkbigler of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Makenna Elayne was born at 2:04 p.m. Aug. 13, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Her maternal grandparents are Bob and Mana Pacheco of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Don and Laura Berkbigler of Cahokia.

Melissa Paterson

Scott and Amy Paterson of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter. Melissa Lynn was born on Aug. 7, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins brother Matthew, 5.

Her maternal grandparents are Tom and Dixie Stephens of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Don and Marylou Paterson.

Kelsey Smith

Kyle and Deanna Smith of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter. Kelsey Danielle was born at 1:46 p.m. Aug. 9, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and joins Brandon, 4. Her mother is the former Deanna Yarbrough. The maternal grandparents are Ronald and Joyce Hastings of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Kenton and Estalee Smith of Granite City.

Angela Kamacho

George and Janice Kamacho of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter. Angela Megan was born at 8:27 a.m. Aug. 13, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 5½ ounces, and joins Amber, 3, and Alyssa, 1. Her maternal grandparents are Pete and Libby Nelson of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Minnie Kamacho of Granite City and the late Joseph Kamacho.

Krystin Hucks

Angela Hucks of Granite City is the mother of a girl born at 2:51 p.m. on Aug. 14, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Krystin Nicole Hucks. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Rhonda Rutter and Larry Rutter of Granite City.

Dominic Sandella

John Sandella and Tina Heenan of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son. Dominic Michael was born on July 31, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He weighed 5 pounds, 9½ ounces, and joins John Jr., 4, and Brittany, 2. His maternal grandmother is Carole Heenan of St. Louis. The paternal grandparents are John and Erma Sandella of Granite City.

Matthew Powell

Gerald and Sandra Powell of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 2:03 p.m. on Aug. 17, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Matthew Alexander. He weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces. The mother is the former Sandra Whitaker. Maternal grandparents are Roy and Mary Whitaker of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Marie Powell of Granite City.

Aaron Kunkel

Randy and Toni Kunkel of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Aaron Tyler was born at 9:33 a.m. Aug. 5, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins Randy Jr., 9. His maternal grandparents are Michael and Charlotte Tettamble of Granite City. His paternal grandparents are Robert and Cleona Kunkel of St. Louis, Mo.

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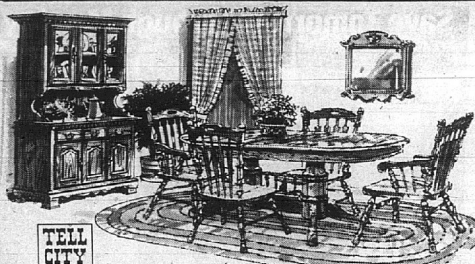
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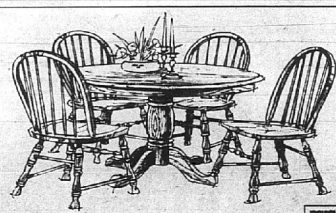
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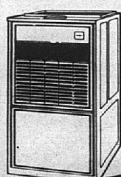
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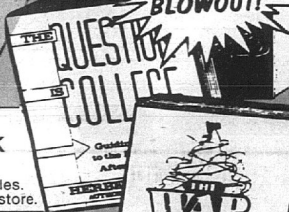
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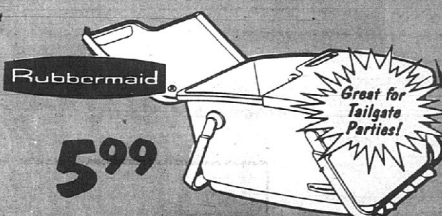
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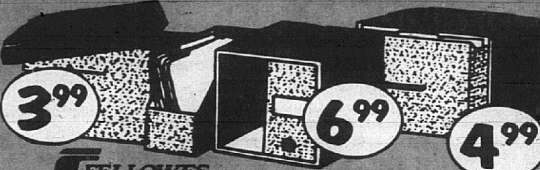


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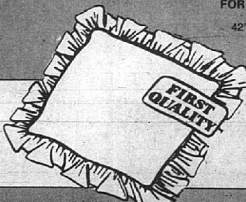
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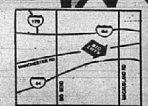
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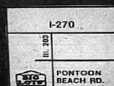
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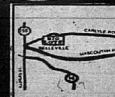
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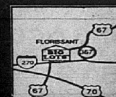
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Food

Any way you slice it

Homemade breads rise to the occasion

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

There are many tantalizing things about homemade bread. Its aroma announces its presence better than a bullhorn. Its preparation gives a feeling of achievement. Its bubbling yeast action shows little things produce big results.

Well, yes, there is one thing wrong with fresh bread. It disappears too quickly.

Hot roll mix, quick bread mix and muffin mix are the stars of the moment when it comes to special breads that give that homemade feeling without all the mixing, measuring and modeling. They are delicious by themselves, but some creative management with other ingredients make them something more than Ms. Crocker, the Pillsbury and the Duncan envisioned through the cloudy window of their trusty ovens.

While fresh fruits and vegetables are still plentiful, use the

tried-and-true rule of your grandmother when she suggested tossing in "a handful" of one that has been shredded or chopped. Actually, 1/2 cup chopped apple or 1/2 cup shredded zucchini is a welcome addition to date bread, nut bread, banana bread or apple cinnamon bread mix. One-half cup chopped pear adds a gentle sweetness to bread mixes, too.

One-half cup pumpkin in date or nut bread mix accents the spices and increases the rich density of the bread. The same amount of applesauce, mashed ripe banana or fruit juice — up to about 1/2 cup — can replace the liquid in any of the mixes, too. If desired, stir 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon into the dry mix with any of the additions. Of course, 1/2 cup chopped nuts or raisins always can be added without varying other ingredients.

Some stores may not stock fresh cranberries or cranberry bread mix yet, but they should become available more consistently as the holidays approach.

Orange cinnamon swirl bread

- 1 pkg. (19.1 oz.) cinnamon swirl muffin mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup plus 2 to 3 tsp. orange juice
- 1 tbsp. plus 1/2 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

Grease and flour 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

In large bowl, combine muffin mix and contents of topping packet from mix, breaking up any lumps. Add egg, 1/2 cup orange juice and 1 tablespoon orange peel. Stir about 50 strokes until moistened.

Knead swirl packet from mix 10 seconds before opening. Squeeze on top of batter and swirl with knife; do not mix in completely. Pour batter into pan. Bake at 350° for 55 to 60 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Loosen loaf from pan. Turn right-side up on cooling rack to cool completely.

For glaze, place confectioner's sugar in small bowl. Stir in 2 to 3 teaspoons juice, 1 teaspoon at a time, to bring to smooth and desired consistency. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon orange peel. Drizzle over loaf. Makes 12 servings.

Almond-crusted cranberry apple bread

- 1 pkg. (15.8 oz.) cranberry quick bread mix
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, halved, thawed if necessary
- 1/2 cup chopped, peeled apple
- 1 cup apple juice or water
- 1 tsp. oil
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- Apple jelly

Grease and flour bottom only of 8-by-4-inch or 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

In large bowl, combine bread mix, cranberries, apple, apple juice, oil, egg and almond extract. Stir 50 to 75 strokes by hand until dry particles are moistened.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake at 350° for 55 to 65 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool in pan on cooling rack 15 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely. Just before serving, brush with warm apple jelly. Makes 12 servings.

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- 4 small pears, peeled, halved
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) hot roll mix, reserving 1/2 cup flour mixture
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup hot water (120° to 130°)
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1 egg

Filling

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, soft
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice

Streusel

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Reserved flour mixture
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3 tbsp. margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

In large saucepan, combine pears, 1/4 cup lemon juice and enough water to cover top of pears. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 10 minutes or until tender. Drain pears. To replace fresh pears with one (29-ounce) can halved pears, omit lemon juice and poaching.

Grease two 9-inch round cake or springform pans. In large bowl, combine hot roll mix with yeast from foil packet, 1/4 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Stir in hot water, 1/4 cup margarine and 1 egg until well combined. Dough will be soft and sticky.

Evenly divide dough between greased pans. Pat out to cover bottom of pans. Cover with plastic wrap and cloth towel. Let rise in warm place (80° to 85°) for 30 minutes. In small bowl, beat together cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, flour, eggs and lemon juice at medium speed of electric mixer until smooth.

In separate small bowl, combine brown sugar, reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture, pecans and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Mix well. Cut in margarine until crumbly.

With lightly floured hands, gently pat edges of dough halfway up sides of pans. Evenly pour filling over dough in each pan. Sprinkle streusel mixture over each filling.

Thinly slice pear halves lengthwise, keeping slices together. Place four halves round-side up, on top of streusel mixture in each pan. Sprinkle pear halves with mixture of 1 tablespoon granulated sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.

Bake at 375° for 25 to 35 minutes until edges are golden brown and filling is set.

If desired, sprinkle with confectioner's sugar just before serving. Serve warm.

Makes 8 servings per cake. Notes: To freeze kuchen, store, tightly wrapped in foil, up to 3 months. To use, thaw to room temperature, then warm in foil, while still in foil, in 350° oven 15 minutes.

'Settlers' like baked beans

Alma E. Nowacki, Florissant, is this week's recipe contest winner in the *Suburban Journals*. Her dish, Old Settlers' Baked Beans, earns her gift certificates to dine at The Pasta House Co.

This is a baked bean dish that is hearty, meaty and combines four types of beans with savory seasonings that includes tangy-sweet flavor.

Deadline for the Holiday Cookie Recipe Contest is Oct. 31. Entries can include any type of cookie—baked or cooked, drop or shaped, bar or decorated. Send them to: Holiday Cookie Recipe Contest, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 100, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal* you receive. Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions, including any variations that make this dish special.

If possible, name the source of the recipe.

Old settlers' baked beans

- 1 lb. ground chuck
- 1 lb. bacon, diced
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tbsp. mustard
- 10 tbsp. molasses
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 can (16 oz.) pork and beans
- 1 can (16 oz.) red kidney beans, partially drained
- 1 can (16 oz.) butter beans, partially drained
- 1 can (16 oz.) navy beans, partially drained

Brown beef slowly. Drain. Brown together onion and bacon only until onion is transparent, not crisp. Remove with slotted spoon.

In large casserole, combine beef, bacon and onion. Add brown and granulated sugars, ketchup, barbecue sauce, mustard, molasses, chili powder, pepper and salt. Add pork and beans, kidney beans, butter beans and navy beans. Mix well. Bake at 325° for 1 hour.

Chili-cheese rice quiche

- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup cooked rice prepared without butter or salt, cooled
- 3/4 cup (3 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tbsp. chopped pimento
- 1 to 2 tbsp. diced jalapeno pepper
- 1 tsp. grated parmesan cheese
- Combine eggs, milk, garlic salt and pepper in mixing bowl. Mix well. Stir in rice, mozzarella

cheese, onion, pimento and jalapeno pepper. Pour into 8-inch glass pie plate coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 minutes until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Let stand 10 minutes. Makes 2 servings; 345 calories, 25 g protein, 14 g fat, 28 g carbohydrate, 602 mg sodium when prepared with 1 tablespoon jalapeno pepper.

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J.C. Corcoran departs radio slot on KSD

By Ian MacBryde
Correspondent

J.C. Corcoran, a fixture on the St. Louis radio scene since 1984, left KSD-FM (94) Sept. 30—the day before the Bolster announcement. Corcoran, a fiery character whose on-the-air work offended virtually everyone at one time or another, was a controversial figure practically from the moment he arrived from Buffalo, N.Y., in 1984 to join KSHB-FM (95).

Corcoran could not be reached for comment but reportedly has said he was fired.

Merrill Hansen, general manager of KSD, would not say whether he quit or was fired. "I believe that what happens

between an employer and a boss should be private," Hansen said. "He is no longer here. KSD will continue what it does."

Corcoran represented the "take no prisoners" style of morning radio, apparently going out of his way to make war on government and folks of just about every persuasion. He trampled on minority groups and the faint-of-heart every step of the way—and apparently reveled in it.

Boisterous he was, even vicious, but give him credit. He messed up a lot of stuffed shirts.

Emmys are on target. Emmy Awards obviously are far more important to people in the television industry than they

are to the general public. And sometimes the judgments rendered by the awards committee sitting in a faraway market seem to be completely out of sync with reality.

But this year's awards, by and large, are interesting in that they tend to affirm the judgments of a lot of professionals in the market. Among the more important awards, Karen Foss at Channel 5 was named Best Anchor, Dave Murray KTVI-TV (Channel 2) won the Best Weathercaster award, Mark Curtis at Channel 2 got the Best Sports-caster award and Channel 2's news won the Best Newscast designation.

You could make an argument for other nominees in the above categories, but certainly none of those seems outrageously wrong. Judging from Emmys is, by even the most generous estimate, an iffy business. Nominees are judged on one day's product in the case of major awards. Other awards, which are content-specific such as best feature, are selected and entered by the nominating station.

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'Necessary Roughness' offers an unnecessary movie effort

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

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looks like it's just going through the motions. The "football follies" approach to the game scenes are mildly enjoyable, but what "Necessary Roughness" really needs is a semblance of credibility and at least a slight originality in its humor and plot lines. None of that is present in "Necessary Roughness." If you're tempted to go see it, I recommend you punt instead.

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By Alfred Borcover

Knight-Ridder News Service
For a handful of people, traveling for free on frequent-flyer tickets verges on an obsession. At the drop of a double-mile bonus offer by an airline, some fliers will jet off to anywhere to accumulate miles for the next free venture.

Today's frequent fliers, however, are nervous. They fear losing their accumulated mileage because four major carriers are in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and a fifth has laid the groundwork for taking the plunge.

Having logged thousands, in some cases hundreds of thousands or even millions of miles for the fly-free bonuses on carriers with financial woes—Continental Airlines, Pan American World Airways, America West and Midway, with Trans World Airlines waiting in the wings—the fliers are eager to spend their bonuses rather than take a chance on them.

Many of these travelers are switching from their former favorite carriers to earn mileage from the Big Three—American, Delta and United, where programs are safe, but the awards aren't as good.

What brought frequent-flyer jitters to a head was the rash of airline bankruptcies, the demise of Eastern Airlines and most recently the purchase by Delta Air Lines of most of Pan Am. Delta is guaranteeing Pan Am tickets and mileage.

The whole issue seems silly, unless you are one of those addicted frequent fliers who now are afraid that "brand loyalty," the original marketing reason behind the frequent flyer inducements, won't pay off.

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Frequent travelers fear for their bonuses

"I encourage people to put their worries aside. People won't lose their mileage because other carriers will pick them up. They (the other carriers) like getting the extra customers."

—Randy Petersen

Randy Petersen, editor of *Frequent*, a monthly magazine for frequent fliers, contends that none of the frequent flyer programs are in danger. Petersen also is the senior consulting editor of "Official Frequent Flyer Guidebook: 1990 Edition" (available from Bonus Books, 800-225-3775), a compendium of airline and other benefits for travelers.

"I encourage people to put their worries aside," said Petersen, who has tracked the programs since American Airlines began the first frequent-flyer program in 1981, offering free trips, upgrades and other perks based on mileage flown. "People won't lose their mileage because other carriers will pick them up. They (the other carriers) like getting the extra customers."

Compulsive worriers, however, soon will be able to join Petersen's newest venture, AwardGuard, that insures frequent flyer mileage through Lloyd's of London. For \$79 a year, a policy covers all liability in every frequent-traveler program—airlines, hotels, Diners Club Rewards and American Express Membership Miles. Petersen said buyers also will get a \$200,000 accident policy in effect when using a frequent-flyer ticket, a subscription to *Frequent*

and to *Flier's Edge*, a quarterly digest of frequent flyer awards, and membership in the Frequent Flier Club. (Details are available by phoning 800-333-5937.)

Under the insurance program, explained Petersen, a policyholder would have a mileage award trip guaranteed on an other airline should a carrier cease operations.

Among the financially strapped carriers, Continental has 9.2 million frequent-flyer members; TWA, 6.2 million; Pan Am, 1.7 million; America West, 1.2 million; and Midway, 670,000.

Of all the mileage liability the airlines have, 25 percent of the mileage awards accumulated never get redeemed, Petersen said. "And 75 percent of the miles redeemed are used by 25 percent of the members in the programs. Some 75 percent of the frequent-flyer club members never reach an award level or know how many miles they have."

Petersen said the carriers in trouble are giving away 10 to 12 percent of their traffic to frequent-flyer members, about double the 5 to 8 percent that the industry typically sees. Redemptions on Pan Am and TWA were especially high, with Pan Am giving away three times the

number of trips it did last year. As for members of the Pan Am WorldPass frequent-flyer program, Thomas G. Plasket, Pan Am's chairman, said members will have an opportunity to convert Pan Am mileage to Delta's program on a one-to-one basis.

Pan Am members will get sticker shock when they compare the liberal WorldPass awards with the conservative Delta awards. "You can get a domestic trip for 20,000 miles on Pan Am. It takes 40,000 miles to get the same trip on Delta," said Petersen.

In a Wall Street Journal interview, Tim Pette, an airline analyst with Alliance Capital Management, offered these suggestions to frequent fliers with lots of miles on ailing carriers: "Use them. Don't sit on them. Get your upgrade (to a first class seat), get a free trip, get a refrigerator," the latter a reference to frequent-flyer clubs that allow mileage to be exchanged for gifts.

Petersen predicted that frequent-flyer programs will be heavily promoted this fall. "Air traffic has not been consistently good since the Persian Gulf war. Drops in fares don't stimulate money for the airline. Frequent-flyer programs can be one tool (the airlines use) to stimulate traffic."

Petersen also cited new partner programs, such as the one in Chicago where a Cellular One phone purchase will get you 5,000 miles on United Airlines, plus one mile for every \$1 of phone service the first year.

Now healthy airlines have a sterling opportunity to steal passengers away from the unhealthy ones with frequent-flyer programs, Petersen observed.

Chiricahua Monument: a rocky fantasy land in southern Arizona

By Kristin Jackson

Knight-Ridder News Service
Before I went there, I thought of southern Arizona as barren desert, punctuated only by the urban sprawl of Phoenix.

Then, on several trips, I began to discover the different faces of southern Arizona—the wealth of desert plants and animals in places such as Organ Pipe National Monument; historic old mining towns such as Bisbee; and thickly forested mountains such as the Chiricahua range.

On a recent visit, I came across an extraordinary pocket of nature—the Chiricahua National Monument. It's a 19-square-mile park high in the Chiricahua mountains in an empty corner of southeast Arizona just 50 miles from the Mexican border.

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Monument is often described as an island in the sky. The lowlands at the foot of the Chiricahua range are vast, arid and filled with scrubby plants and grasses.

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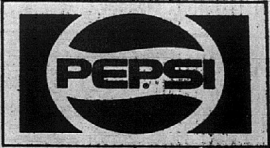
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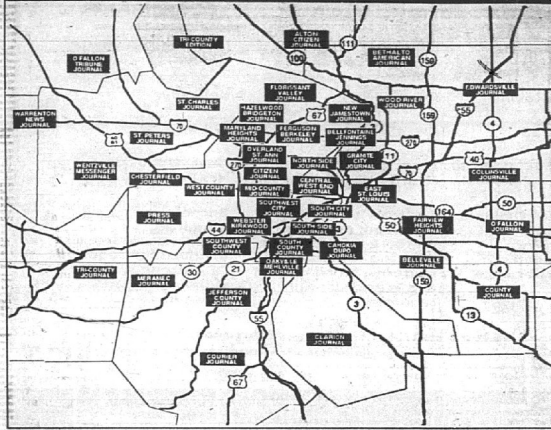


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Outgoing SWF
29, enjoys dancing, camping and other outdoor activities. Seeking an attractive, fun-loving SWM, 28-35, who is similar in interests. Voice Mailbox No.555

Attractive SBF
37, mother of one. Seeks attractive SM, 30-40, who will be responsive and fun-loving with sense of humor. Voice Mailbox No.2463

SWF, 19
37, 115lbs, blonde, enjoys eyes. Enjoys outdoor activities, concerts and horse-back riding. Seeks fun-loving SWM, 20-30, for friendship and romance. Voice Mailbox No.581

DWF, 27
55, enjoys golf, swimming, outdoors, being healthy, and likes giving a lot of TLC. Seeks SWM, 25-35, who is fun. Voice Mailbox No.8187

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27, brown hair and eyes. Looking for a serious relationship with SWM, 19-30, who loves children. Voice Mailbox No.4831

Big brown eyes
SWF, 28, dark hair, olive complexion. Likes dancing, movies, dining out. Seeks fun-loving SWM, 25-35, who is sincere and honest. Voice Mailbox No.5918

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Loves to laugh and take time to smile at the little things. Seeks a companion or friend. Voice Mailbox No.7669

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Walks in the park
DWF, 40, 6'8", enjoys traveling, bingo, dancing, movies, and sports. Seeks a fun-loving SWM, 30-40, who is similar in interests. Voice Mailbox No.1439

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DWF, 36, 5'3", 135lbs. Likes dining out, ball games. Seeks a SWM, 30-40, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.2338

Forthyness
SWF would like to meet a SWM for friendship and companionship. Voice Mailbox No.4000

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SWF, 19
Mark at Barnes Hospital, pink call back. Seeks a SWM, 25-35, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.5631

Never married
SWF, 19, 200lbs, 4'5", would like to meet a SWM, 18-25, who is fun-loving, serious, movie, dancing, and sports. Seeks a SWM, 18-25, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.3495

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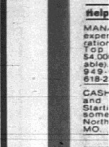
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WCF, 52, 5'2", 125lbs, seeking good looking SWM with sense of humor. Seeks a SWM, 30-40, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.5631

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I'm a one-man woman seeking a SWM, 30-40, who is fun-loving. Seeks a SWM, 30-40, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.5631

Trick or treat
SWF, 5'8", 25, the trick is finding SWM, 25-35, who is fun-loving. Seeks a SWM, 25-35, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.5631

Pleasingly plump
DWF, 33, with children, likes outdoors, shopping, movies, and sports. Seeks a SWM, 30-40, who is fun-loving. Voice Mailbox No.5631

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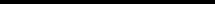
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Lot No. 3 in Block No. 26 of McCasland and Yourees Third Subdivision of Wulfmeyer Tr., Situated in Granite City Township, Parcel Index #22-2-19-13-15-402-026, and was sold on January 22, 1990 for the general taxes for the year 1988. The period of redemption will expire on February 14, 1992.

Richard J. Trolard
Petitioner

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NO. 22-070379

TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVICES OF ALPHIA P. MOORE MARGARET L. MOORE, GARY MOORE, and unknown owners or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Illinois. Case No. 91-X-474. On March 9, 1992 at 11:00 a.m. the petitioner will make an application to such court in Edwardsville for an order on the petition that a tax deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to-wit:

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Granite City Park District will be accepting bids for construction work related to the Main Fountain Enclosures in concrete unit masonry installation and fountain renovation on a designated basis consisting of pump-out station and local work.

Copies of the plans and specifications and other contract documents will be on file at the Granite City Park District office in Wilson Park, A set of documents may be purchased from that office for a cost of \$15.00 (non-refundable).

A prebid meeting will be held for contractors bidding on project #A-1, project site in Wilson Park, lot 100, pm. on October 15, 1991 with an agenda until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 1991, in the office of the Granite City Park District in Wilson Park. Bidders shall file with his bid for the Construction Contract a cashiers check or separate check for acceptable bank or an acceptable bidders bond in an amount of not less than 5% of the Contract Price.

The Contractors shall not pay more than the prevailing rate of wages, overtime, and fringe benefits as determined by the board under the Contract.

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MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY SCHMIDT, DECEASED.

NOTICE

August 9, 1991. Betty died August 9, 1987. The representative of her Estate is Charles H. Cobb, of 5108 Shells, Granite City, Illinois 62040. His Attorney, or Receiver is Brian Kozien, of 1839 Delmar Avenue, Granite City, Illinois, 62040.

Claims must be filed on or before April 9, 1992, of three months from the date of which notice of delivery, whichever is later, claims not filed on or before that date is barred.

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Local economy has begun recovery, economist says

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Local economists, while admitting their crystal balls are a bit hazy on the details, predict that the recession is over and say that the national and St. Louis economies have begun a slow stroll down the path to recovery.

Both will be showing signs of improvement by year-end, they say.

A dissenting opinion comes from Mark Stover, assistant professor of economics at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. "I expect it to be another year before the situation in the St. Louis economy improves markedly."

His reasoning is based on the slow pace of the national recovery and the continuing impact of cutbacks in defense spending, a major local industry.

Economist John Qualls concurs with that appraisal, in part. He's among the 67 percent of business economists who say recession ended in the third quarter. But "it's not going to feel like a recovery" to St. Louisans because of the lingering effects of layoffs at defense contractor McDonnell Douglas Corp., says Qualls, president of Micro Economics Ltd. in Clayton.

"People are always gloomy early in recoveries because they just don't see" evidence of the rebound, adds Chris Varvares, an economist with Laurence H. Meyer & Associates in Clayton.

Economic statistics aren't brightening their outlook. The gross national product, the value of goods and services produced by the U.S. economy, contracted 0.5 percent during the second quarter.

Meanwhile, layoffs have pushed the unemployment rate to 6.7 percent nationally and 7.2 percent here. As a result, consumer confidence has dropped for six consecutive months, contributing to the lackluster retail performance. During the back-to-school period, the second busiest time for retailers, sales at stores that were open at least one year increased, on average, a disappointing 1 to 2 percent.

Positive news includes five-month advances in industrial production, plus increases in the index of leading indicators and in personal income. Third quarter consumer spending, despite the poor back-to-school period, "will be positive," Qualls says.

Chief executives' soaring salaries show no sign of slowing

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

The pay of chief executives of St. Louis-based companies, when compared to national figures, is moderate, if not modest. Charles Knight, chairman and chief executive of Emerson Electric Co. and the area's highest-paid executive, received salary and bonuses totaling \$1,774,288 last year.

That is 73 times the average St. Louisan's salary of \$24,256. And a moderate multiple. Compensation specialists estimate the average chief executive's 1990 cash compensation was 90 to 100 times the average employee's. The most vocal critic of executive compensation levels maintains the multiplier is actually 100.

In Japan, top CEOs—chief executive officers—are the executives charged with day-to-day responsibility for running a company—earn 17 times more than their workers. In Germany and France, the multiplier is 25 and in Great Britain 35, explains critic Graef Crystal, a professor at the University of California-Berkeley.

"It is not hard to conclude that American CEOs and other senior American executives are overpaid," he says. Adds Juli Niemann, financial analyst at Huntleigh Securities, Clayton: "We've really gotten to the silly season in executive compensation."

Public anger over executive compensation erupted this spring when proxy statements revealed hefty advances in executive compensation. The \$74.8 million paid Steven Ross pushed the Time Warner Inc. chairman center stage in the compensation controversy.

The outcry led Congress and the Securities and Exchange Commission to weigh rules that would permit shareholders to challenge executive pay levels. Neither body has taken any action yet.

Compensation expert E. James Brennan predicts public anger at executive pay will boil over again next spring and every spring for the foreseeable future. Reason: Executive salaries show no signs of abating.

Positive local news is the the addition of a third shift, about 1,000 jobs, at Chrysler Corp.'s minivan plant, and the announcement that minivan assembly will be moved to the larger (and now-shuttered) Fenton plant No. 1 for the 1995 model year.

Yet, just when the positive news threatens to overwhelm the negative, more bad news arrives. Consider during goods orders. After climbing 10.7 percent in July, the largest gain in 21 years, orders slipped 3.8 percent in August.

Negative local news includes the cutting of 400 jobs at Esco Electronics Corp., a defense contractor, and another 150 by a grocery wholesaler.

"Although the ballgame's not over, the economy got up to bat in August—and struck out," says economist Varvares, the economist Laurence H. Meyer & Associates.

Even so, he maintains that lower interest rates "will be successful in reinvigorating the recovery" by the end of the year.

As goes the U.S. economy, so goes the St. Louis economy, which mirrors and, thus, follows the national trends, says Rik Hafer, economics professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Recovery will be slow, he explains, because government policymakers favor a slow

rebound that doesn't fuel inflation vs. a fast turnaround that ignites inflation and must be followed by attempts to rein in price increases.

The go-slow approach means unemployment will fall slowly, too, Hafer says. He points to the experience of the 1980s: "a period of sustained economic growth unprecedented in economic history." Even with that growth, unemployment, which exceeded 10 percent in the 1982 recession, didn't fall to 6.7 percent—the same rate as today—until 1986, which was four years into the recovery.

Signals that the St. Louis economy is improving come from Jefferson City, Mo. where Tom Kruckemeyer, chief economist for the state's budget agency, tracks tax collections. Personal income tax and sales tax collections for the three months ended Sept. 30 were up about 2.5 percent.

"Things are looking better, but they're a long way from looking good," he says. His fiscal 1992 forecast for Missouri shows modest improvement in revenue collections, the result of modest improvement in the Missouri economy. For the year ending June 30, Kruckemeyer predicts income taxes will be up 3.8 percent, sales taxes up about 3 percent.

Where they lead

Performance of Index of Leading Indicators, summer of 1991

	% change from previous month			
	Aug.	July	June	May
Workweek	.15	-.07	.30	.15
Unemployment claims	-.15	.14	.10	.24
Consumer goods orders	.00	.33	-.14	.13
Slower deliveries	-.06	.14	.08	.04
Plant & equipment orders	-.22	.35	-.03	.01
Building permits	-.15	.01	.10	.16
Durable order backlog	-.21	.31	-.13	.09
Materials prices	-.04	.03	-.03	.05
Stock prices	.13	.03	.00	-.02
Money supply	-.09	-.18	-.03	.03
Consumer expectations	.03	.06	.16	-.12
Number of:				
positive indicators	5	8	6	8
negative indicators	6	3	5	3

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In fact, those pay levels are likely to climb even higher, says Brennan, president of Brennan Thomsen Associates in Chesterfield.

Executive salaries seem high and some are too high, defenders of executive pay admit. But they also say high compensation is required to attract the caliber of CEO needed to make the tough decisions, such as ensuring continued growth in sales and profits and leading companies through recession. "That person is ultimately responsible for all the operations of an enterprise," Brennan says.

Executive pay has three components: base pay, an annual bonus that awards short-term performance (\$829,000 of the \$1.7 million August A. Busch III earned in 1990 came as a year-end bonus), and long-term incentives such as stock options. Niemann calls the latter "the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Base pay typically is set by an employment contract. Knight calls for a minimum salary of \$500,000 per year through 1996. Base pay also depends on the executive's experience, the scope of his responsibilities, industry pay trends and the size of the company he runs, says Sandra O'Neal, a compensation specialist with Towers Perrin, a consulting firm.

In setting executive pay, "it is a matter of what the appropriate amount is," says Elliot Stein, the dean of St. Louis' cadre of directors. "If they (CEOs) perform, (workers, shareholders, the community) all benefit."

Critics, backed by academic studies, complain that executive pay rarely reflects performance. Index of executive compensation increased 7 percent last year while corporate profits slid 7 percent. Which prompted Crystal, in an

interview with the *Los Angeles Times*, to observe: "When the stock price tanks, shareholders are in a tiny rowboat going down the drain, while executives are sitting on the deck of the QE2 (Queen Elizabeth 2) waving goodbye."

Critics and defenders of executive compensation agree on one point: CEO salaries will continue to climb.

Critics note that salaries are set by directors, who were appointed or nominated by the CEO; the CEO, in turn, often sits on the board of the company run by the director he chose. "What prevails is the you-scratch-my-back, I'll-scratch-yours system of corporate governance," said Ralph Whitworth, president of United Shareholders Association, a Washington, D.C. shareholders group.

Surveys are a chief culprit, in Brennan's view. Compensation firms regularly survey companies about pay practices, then print their findings, which lead company directors to ask, "Are we an above-average company?" Of course we are. "So the board boosts management's pay so it's in line with salary levels reported in the survey."

One positive result of public anger over executive pay is boards of directors are beginning to hold CEOs accountable for the performance of the company, Brennan says. Instead of cutting an executive's pay when the company doesn't perform as it should, directors hand out pink slips.

Salary ratchets upward again when directors seek a replacement, he notes. Directors reason that, to attract a talented executive capable of navigating the economic minefield, the company must offer more than the \$1 million that was paid to the dismissed executive.

Homeowner who lost his job faces financial dilemma

Dear Mr. Campbell: In 1983 we purchased a home for \$63,000—4 percent down and monthly payments of \$742 including taxes and insurance, an interest rate of 12.5 percent and a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Three years later I lost my job of 17 years and was out of work for two years and unable to make my mortgage payments. My FHA mortgage was placed into foreclosure with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

During this time HUD placed me in a program that allowed me to keep my home by paying a minimum payment of \$100 per month, up to a period of 36 months, and paying my own homeowner's insurance. During this time the unpaid interest continued to accumulate.

After returning to work I have faced a true dilemma. My present mortgage payment has ballooned to \$862, not including homeowner's insurance, and none of this applies to the accumulated interest of more than \$20,000. My home is in need of repair (roof, gutters and plumbing), but I'm unable to apply for a home-equity loan because HUD holds my mortgage. I can't sell because I would not be able to get enough to pay off the interest and have enough to purchase a home for my family. HUD gives me three choices:

sell, return the deed or continue to pay. Any other options? Answer: Not from where I'm sitting. You're slipping back two feet for every foot forward you take. Barring a windfall of money, sort-and-state lotteries aren't all that reliable—you are simply slipping deeper and deeper into a financial quagmire.

If HUD will accept your deed in lieu of foreclosure then that, definitely, is the way to go. You will have lost everything you've paid into the house, but turning back the deed will normally

keep your credit record clean and give you a fresh start—which, heaven knows, you need.

Dear Mr. Campbell: I've been interested in what you've written about prepaying on your mortgage principal. What I want to ask you is how this works if you prepay the interest on a mortgage rather than the principal. Is one procedure better than the other and, most importantly, what effect does prepaying the interest have if you sell the house before the mortgage is paid in full?

Answer: That's an upside-down approach to mortgage acceleration. Quite apart from the fact that lenders aren't equipped to accept interest prepayments—only principal prepayments—this approach would be pretty self-defeating for you. The closest approach we have to it is the old "interest-only" loan, which is purely a time-buying device calling for a "balloon payment" at the end of three, five or 10 years.

Look at it this way: In the first month of a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage at 10 percent (for which the monthly payment for principal and interest would be \$877.57) a flat \$833.33 of that is going to interest and only \$44.24 is going to principal. If the lender DID accept interest-only prepayments (he won't) what would you have gained by making this \$833.33 interest prepayment? Not a cockeyed thing. He's going to get that interest payment anyway, and you haven't cut down your mortgage balance by a single penny.

Five years down the road, if you decide to sell your house, you will still owe exactly as much as you would have without prepaying a thing. Remember that the savings in interest brought about by a mortgage acceleration is due to the fact that the prepayments are steadily reducing the principal on

which the whole mortgage is based.

Dear Mr. Campbell: In a recent column you wrote that making a one-time prepayment of \$100 (in the first year of a 30-year, \$80,000 mortgage at 10 percent) saves a full \$1,833 in total interest paid. Well, I paid about \$2,500 extra on my previous loan, but I refinanced my loan and did not get any credit for the interest of \$2,500.

Answer: For one thing, you're taking me too literally and, in the second place, you're confusing principal and interest.

The one-time prepayment of \$100 was simply to illustrate the dramatic impact—over the life of a 30-year mortgage—that a relatively small reduction in the principal can have on the total interest paid. The \$1,833 saving is realized when the mortgage is paid off.

No, when you refinanced you certainly didn't get any credit for the extra "interest" payment of \$2,500, because you weren't prepaying the interest, but the principal, and so no refund was due you. What you did was refinance the loan for \$2,500 less than you would have if you hadn't made the prepayment—which is certainly, overall, a tremendous saving in interest, but it's nothing "refundable."

The home-equity loan as a source of emergency funds—the interest on which remains deductible—is an attractive idea. The trouble is, you've got to have some equity. You can greatly speed up the equity build-up, save thousands in interest and cut years off your mortgage through painless acceleration. Our leaflet, "Free and Clear: Getting the Mortgage Monkey Off Your Back" tells all. Send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$2 to cover costs to David Meyers, P.O. Box 2960, Culver City, Calif. 90231-2960.

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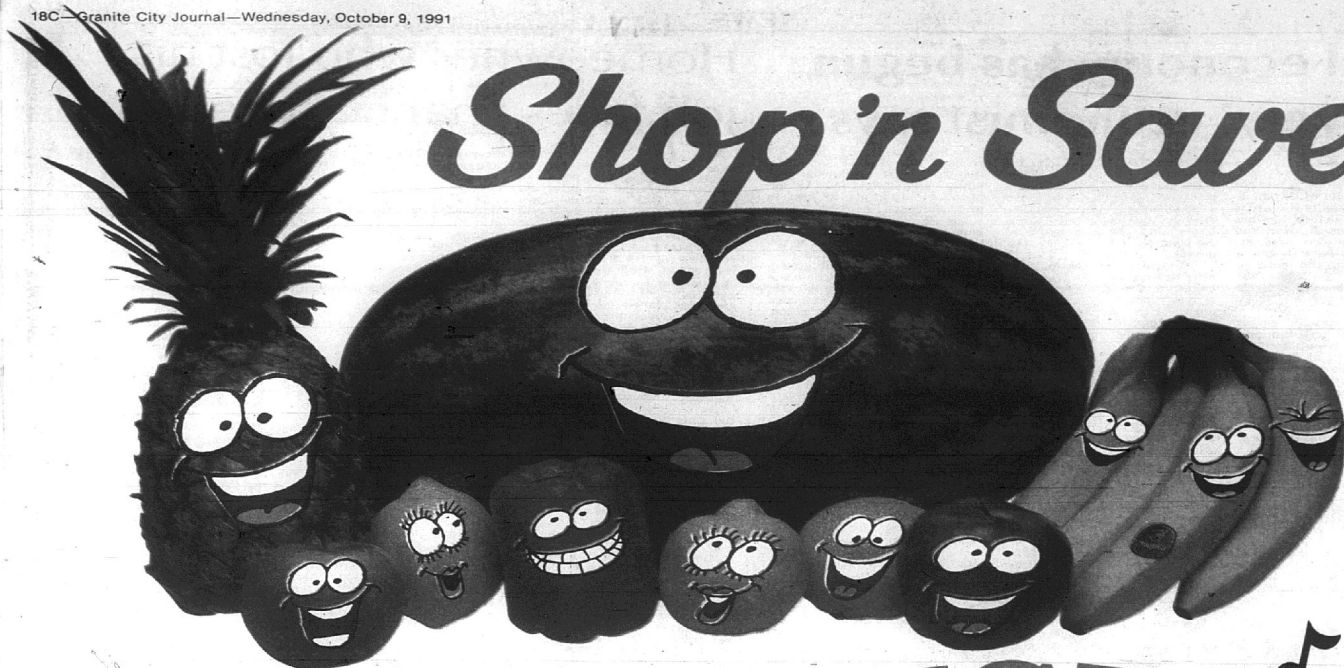
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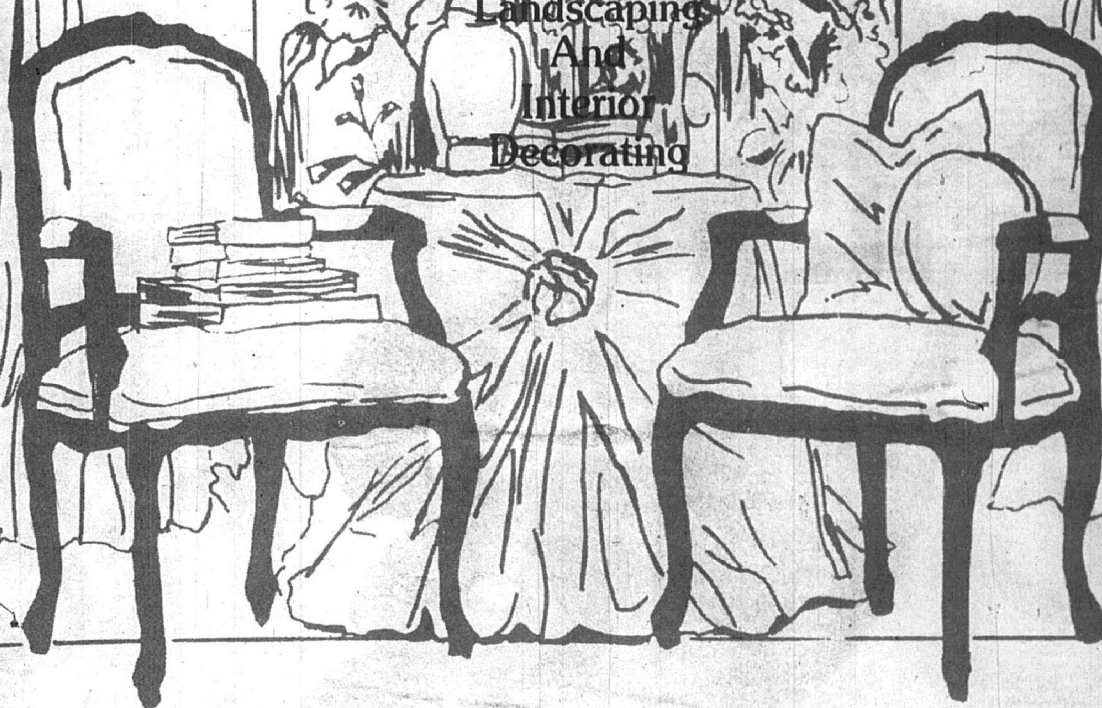
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Fireplaces need regular cleaning

By Jim Vykopal

It is that time of year to have the fireplace and chimney checked and cleaned by a chimney sweep for safe use this winter. A thorough chimney inspection will reveal creosote buildup and defects, such as cracks in the liner that could cause a fire and allow it to spread to the living space or attic.

Wood fires produce creosote that build up on the chimney liner. Creosote is a shiny, black tar-like substance that can create a flash fire with temperatures up to 2,000°F. This type of fire is difficult to extinguish and can damage the fireplace, chimney liner, bricks and mortar.

Chimneys serving frequently used, wood-burning fireplaces should be cleaned a minimum of once a year. If they're used as a constant source of heat, they should be cleaned more often. A good rule of thumb is to have the chimney cleaned after every cord of hardwood that is burned.

Pine and other soft, resinous woods are not recommended for fireplaces because they produce too much creosote. This area has a plentiful supply of wood such as oak and hickory. Both are good hardwoods and suitable for home fireplaces.

It's a good idea to have a certified chimney sweep do a smoke test and check the framing materials around the chimney.

Check the firebox for loose, cracked or missing bricks. Cracks larger than one-quarter inch and loose or damaged bricks need to be repaired. These repairs require special heat resistant materials and should be left to a qualified mason.

A smoky fireplace and excessive soot buildup are symptoms of poor draft. Check for limbs or other obstructions near the chimney top.

Jim Vykopal is president of Architectural Inspections Inc., and a member of the American Society of Home Inspectors.



Royal treatment — "Royal Classics" is a wallcovering collection introduced in England that features rich statements of elegance. The majesty unfolds in a panorama of solid vinyls and coordinating fabrics. According to the National Decorating Products Association, colors and patterns from around the globe will be a greater part of home decorating in the '90s.

Checking downspouts, gutters can prevent most wet basements

By Jim Vykopal

Wet basements in St. Louis are as common as winter colds. But there are inexpensive ways to prevent most wet basements. The homeowner can do several things to stop the water before it gets to the outside of the foundation wall and starts leaking in.

When foundations are built, the contractor digs a hole larger than the foundation to install the form work. The "overdig" is backfilled and normally, poorly compacted.

When the dirt finally settles, the grade is flat or slopes toward the foundation. The ground at the outside of the house should slope away from the foundation at a rate of one inch per foot for a minimum distance of five feet.

Three tons of dirt delivered costs only about \$75 and will require a weekend of hard work.

Overflowing or leaking gutters and downspouts that empty next to the foundation are a major problem.

Keep gutters clean and in good repair. Downspout extensions should direct the water away from the foundation at least five feet.

Many older homes have downspouts that empty into underground drain pipes. These pipes often get cracked or clogged with tree roots forcing the water against the foundation.

Driveways and sidewalks can settle and tip toward the house. Once again, a proper slope should be maintained even if it means replacing pavement. Paved areas should slope away at a rate of one quarter of an inch per foot.

Rock gardens and flower beds, especially those that are elevated and kept in place with railroad ties, contribute to water

problems. A subsurface drain will collect the surface water and drain it away from the house.

Water in the basement is not only a nuisance, it may mean the structural stability of the foundation is being undermined by the action of the water.

If the above methods fail to correct the problem, costly waterproofing repairs should be considered only as a last resort. The preferred method is a waterproofing material applied to the exterior of the foundation and incorporates a subsurface drain that will carry the water away before it has a chance to enter the foundation walls.

Interior drainage systems are very expensive. They involve breaking out the basement floor around the perimeter of the foundation and installing drain pipes that collect the water and empty into a sump pit. The water is then pumped outside with a sump pump.

This type of system is needed when there is a high water table and water is penetrating the floor slab.

Another source of water is condensation. A simple test will point to the culprit. Tape a all sides of a square piece of aluminum foil to the area where you suspect water is coming in. Wait 24 hours to check the foil. If there is water on the surface of the foil, the problem is condensation.

A dehumidifier probably will solve the problem. If the water is between the foil and the wall, there is a water penetration problem.

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Compose a list of priorities when choosing a house

By Stephen Advokat

Knight-Ridder News Service

The first thing Nick and Mary Lou Sabol did to look for a new house was sit down, pull out a map of the area, and start sifting out the neighborhoods they weren't interested in.

"What was important for us was access to our jobs, access to highways, and even though we don't have any kids, the school district was very important," said Nick Sabol, a 33-year-old computer manager in Southfield, Mich.

By now, Sabol should know. He's bought and sold four homes in the last eight years, and picking one near good school districts means when it's time to sell, he can show it to families and singles alike.

Housing experts say the Sabols have their priorities in order.

Before you even get into your car to scout the area, before you call a realty agent or banker or attorney, and long before you start pricing welcome mats at the hardware store, limit the area of your search.

"You could look forever," warns Peter Anderson, a banker

and author of the recently published, "A Consumer's Guide to Home Buying & Mortgage Financing" (Anderson Distributing, \$16.95). "Sit down and make a list of what you are looking for in a community. You may be looking for an acre and a half while the wife is looking for something in the city."

Once you agree on a lifestyle, eliminate the areas that don't qualify and start talking to friends, neighbors, bankers you deal with, anyone you think will have a point of view about a good place to live.

What should you keep in mind? You'll likely want someplace that has commercial areas and services nearby. No point in driving all over town for that Saturday night pizza.

It would be helpful to have cultural facilities within easy access. And a movie house within a few minutes' drive is nice, too.

City facilities, such as police and fire, close at hand are a must.

When you find yourself left with a manageable number of

areas to consider, take a trip to the city clerk's or township office to learn if there are any plans for the area that could affect the value of the housing, for example a laundromat or an apartment complex.

Checking the local building inspection department is another safeguard that the castle you want to buy isn't about to be torn down for next year's expressway.

You also should decide about now if you want to use a realty agent.

An agent will make your search easier because he or she will know the area and should be able to match your needs to the homes there.

But remember, agents work for the seller, not the buyer. There is little point in asking them how much they think the seller will come down in price. The more the house sells for, the

greater the agent's commission — often about six percent of the price.

Finding a good realty agent can be intimidating.

Experts say the best way is still word of mouth. Ask friends, neighbors, relatives, anyone with home buying experience, for recommendations. "Referrals are still our main way of getting new business," said Roberta Scialabasi, president of the Downriver Board of Realtors and co-owner of Real Estate Unlimited in Allen Park (Michigan).

Even then you should ask questions such as: How long has he or she been a realty agent? Does he or she use multiple listings? These listings give agents access to many houses in the surrounding area.

"Good realtors also must be good listeners," said Scialabasi. "If you want a ranch and I keep

showing you two-story homes, I haven't listened very well."

You also should consider the house not only a home but an investment — perhaps the largest you will make in your lifetime.

"Ask a real estate agent what areas they have seen where the homes have appreciated in value

faster than other areas," suggests Anderson.

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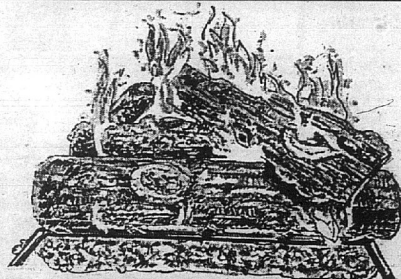
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Video guide helps decorators

Itching to redecorate, but afraid of making costly mistakes? You're not alone.

"Fear of decorating is a common phobia," says Patricia Treiber Shaw, home furnishings fashion consultant for JCPenney Catalog. Shaw has helped many a neophyte decorator discover her own personal style and learn the fundamentals of interior design.

She made certain her expertise was reflected in a home decorating video entitled "Room to Room: Creating the Home of Your Dreams." The video provides a range of creative decorating ideas and a host of "how-to" tips to simplify the planning process and solve decorating dilemmas.

The video unravels the basic secrets of decorating. Shaw encourages consumers to mix and match styles and to use color to unify a room. To select a color scheme, she recommends starting with a favorite painting or photograph or picking up colors from print draperies or upholstery. She emphasizes the importance of testing paint samples before repainting a room to be certain "it's a color you can live with long-term."

Shaw suggests painting large sheets of paper—even newspaper will do—and taping them to a wall. Then, live with them a few days and see how the color looks at different times of day before making a selection. "Most people choose colors using the little paint swatches they get at the paint store. A color that's wonderful in a swatch can overwhelm when it's an entire wall," she said.

"When in doubt, pick the same color you're trying to match but one or two shades lighter, particularly when painting a large area."

The 27-minute video, which is packaged with a complementary 24-page booklet, details how three families each redecorated a room of their home: a living/dining room, bedroom, and family room or great room. For each room, the owners determine how they want the room to function and identify

"Fear of decorating is a common phobia."

— Patricia Treiber Shaw
Home fashions consultant

the decorating problems they need to overcome. They then clarify their taste preferences and plan a very personal room that works.

The video and booklet present creative, yet practical decorating ideas and step-by-step instructions for carrying them through. Here are a few examples:

- Before hanging pictures, outline them on paper and mark where the hanger is. Cut out the shapes and tape them to the wall in various arrangements until you find the right combination. This method is more accurate than eyeing the placement and prevents making a lot of unnecessary holes in the wall.
- To plan your living space, draw a floor plan to scale using grid paper. One-fourth inch on the grid will equal one foot. Measure existing furniture and proposed new pieces. Pencil in several furniture combinations until you find the one that allows the best traffic flow.

In addition to detailing a wealth of decorating short-cuts, the new video guide is designed to provide inspiration and help reduce the anxiety often associated with decorating. "Our goal is to convey just how much fun home decorating can be," Shaw said.

The video is available for \$19.95 by calling 1-800-222-6161, and ordering item number TA953-0280A.

Stains beautify interiors, too

As fall approaches, outside activities move indoors and off of porches, decks and patios.

Stains that were used to preserve and beautify these exterior surfaces at the beginning of the summer also can move indoors and do the same for handrails, cabinets, furniture, wooden doors, and even metal and fiberglass surfaces.

Stains now come in a variety of finishes offering everything from pickled and white-washed looks to deep wood tones.

Blonde woods are particularly popular, appearing in kitchen and bath cabinets, crown molding, wood floors and trim.

Regardless of the look desired, however, there is sure to be a stain to create it.

Clear finishes protect the wood without adding color.

Semi-transparent stains contain a small amount of pigment which alters the color of the wood but does not hide its grain or texture.

Generally, semi-transparent stains are available in natural or wood tones.

Solid-color stains, on the other hand, are made with higher color concentration.

Hiding the grain but not the texture, these stains cover more like paint and are available in nearly as many colors including pastels, slates, and deeper tones.

Pigmented wiping stains also come in a wide range of colors. Easy to apply, these finishes are particularly effective for making

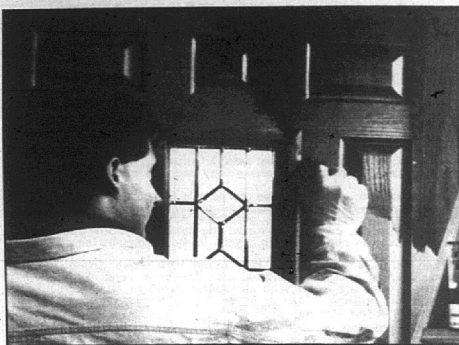


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A do-it-yourselfer uses stain on a fiberglass door to achieve a wood-grain appearance.

the entire surface uniform in color.

They also are useful for matching the color of one wood with another, such as a mantelpiece, for example, with a nearby handrail.

There is a wide variety of stains for a wide variety of both indoor and outdoor projects, but all have something in common.

Since stains penetrate the wood, they tend not to peel. And indoor stains tend to have a longer life expectancy than outdoor.

For more information on stains and their application, contact your local home improvement center.

Surface preparation key to refinishing

By Al Schneider
Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker

The majority of refinishing work from exterior wood siding to grandma's antique rocker, is in surface preparation. Any finish is only as good as the surface to which it is bonded.

Removing old paint or varnish takes time, patience and muscle power. Do-it-yourselfers can remove finishes with chemical removers, heat and abrasives.

The most commonly used method is abrasives, better known as sandpaper, steel wool or pumice. Using a power sander can cut the human muscle power needed and reduce the amount of time spent. However, if you aren't careful, abrasives can cut through old finishes fast and ruin the wood you are trying to preserve.

If you are working with a clear finish of varnish, shellac or lacquer, I suggest avoiding abrasives. Instead, use a specially formulated paint remover, alcohol or lacquer thinner. However, if the finish is paint or enamel, I usually use abrasives.

When using abrasives by hand, I always use a sanding block. It helps me to avoid digging into the wood and keeps my sanding efforts even.

When using a power tool, I prefer an orbital sander for this work. Disc and belt sanders

Sanding with the right abrasives can make the difference between success and failure on a refinishing project.

remove the finish too fast and can ruin wood before you know it. When working on thick finishes, begin with an inexpensive open-coat, flint sandpaper. When you've thinned the finish, switch to silicone carbide, a closed-coat, fine abrasive.

For furniture refinishing, I prefer to use a more expensive degreased steel wool specifically meant for this purpose. Regular steel wool has a thin grease coating as a result of the way it is manufactured. If you use standard steel wool, wipe the surface clean with solvent or mineral spirits before you begin the task of applying a new finish.

After the old finish is removed, lightly sand with a fine-grit, closed coat abrasive on a hand sanding block. Never use emery paper. It is strictly for metal refinishing and should not be used for wood projects.

Finally, once you've finished sanding with abrasives, remove the residue with a vacuum or solvent, such as mineral spirits, turpentine or alcohol. Tack rags, used by most professionals, are excellent for removing abrasive debris.

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Indoor air pollution in the home or work place can put anyone at greater risk for respiratory problems. Here are some suggestions for dealing with the problem at home.

Pollutants in the home include: pesticides, fire retardants, plasticizers, dyes, adhesives, paint, sealants, solvents, lead, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, petrochemicals, formaldehyde, fiberglass, asbestos particles, cigarette smoke, airborne mold and fungi and radon gas.

Most of these pollutants exist outside as well, but tightly sealed homes can trap them indoors where they can accumulate to harmful levels.

The best way to deal with the problem is to not let them get into the house in the first place. Seal the pollutants at the source then ventilate at the source when possible. Whole-house ventilating, although desirable, can de-pressurize the home and allow radon and other pollutants to enter through cracks in the basement foundation.

Other tips:

- When using a whole-house fan, make sure there are plenty of windows open to avoid creating too much negative pressure inside of the house. Fresh air inlets with automatic dampers can be installed to control the interior's air pressure. The dampers open when an insufficient number of windows is open.

- Consider using a variation of a fresh air supply grille. There are systems that supply fresh air to the return side of the furnace duct work. An automatic damper opens when the whole house fan comes on. If a whole house fan is not possible, the fresh air supply system hooked to the furnace ducts can supply fresh air to each room by turning on the furnace fan. This system also supplies an amount of fresh air in the winter, although it will cause higher heating bills because outdoor air is being heated.

- Another ventilation system is available that basically has one duct inside of another duct. One duct is used for exhausting the air and the other for supplying fresh air. The warm exhaust air in one duct serves to heat up the incoming supply air in the other duct reducing the cost of heating the outside fresh air.

- Make sure the bathroom vent fans and kitchen vent fans connect to ducts that go to the outside of the house. Do not simply blow the pollutants into the attic or crawl space.

(Jim Vykopal, author of this article, is president of Architectural Inspections Inc.)



Queen Anne Desk

This regal-looking Queen Anne desk has lines that are simple and elegant yet easy to build. Made from three-quarter-inch pine, the desk measures about 30 inches wide, 20 inches deep and 29 inches tall. The legs are cut from ready-made posts and decorative wood carvings are glued onto the wood as appliques. Most lumberyards or home improvement centers carry the posts and decorative carvings. Step-by-step plans complete with photos, directions and traceable patterns are available. To obtain plans, send \$5.50 check or money order to Steve Ellingson c/o St. Louis News Service, P.O. Box 2383, Van Nuys, Calif. 91409. Ask for plan #829.

Remodeling has financial returns

Surveys on the financial returns of home remodeling rarely fail to look at least a few people.

They look at what they spent, compared to what remodeling surveys say is the average return, and don't believe that they'll get their money's worth.

But when it comes to surveys, you have to know what you're reading. Many surveys are national in scope. And they don't take into account the personal factors in a home remodel.

Take the recent "Practical Homeowner" magazine survey, for example. It's one of the better surveys because it breaks national results into regions and into one- and five-year investment returns. Let's compare survey results for an "exterior face lift," defined as "scrape and wire brush loose paint; power wash; apply two coats of paint to siding, trim, windows, gutters, leaders and exposed part of the foundation."

In the national survey, an exterior face lift was ranked 10th on a return-to-investment scale. For an average national cost of \$1,785, it brought a one-year return of 91 percent. But its five-year return dipped to 37 percent.

Breaking down the results into regions, the same sort of pattern applied to homeowners in the East. For an average expenditure of \$1,856, homeowners got an 82 percent return in one year, ranking it No. 1 in that region. But the return in five years dropped to 40 percent.

On the West Coast, the average cost of an exterior face lift was \$2,053. In one year, you could get back only 73 percent. But in five years, the return to investment was 71 percent — much higher than in the East.

Take another example, landscaping. It didn't rank in the Top 10 in the national survey, but on the West Coast ranked as the fourth best return to investment.

There are two lessons to learn from this. The first is obvious. Look closely at the survey you're reading. If it's a national survey, don't rely on it. You're much better off with a regional survey.

Second, and most important, are the non-financial benefits of your remodel. If you're not planning the work just to sell your house, consider the benefits of living in that remodeled home. Ask yourself: Will I be happier with my new kitchen? Will I like my new master bedroom and bath?

— By Nick Harder of Knight-Ridder News Service

Cooking oil can remove table stain left by magazine

Q. Help! I left a magazine on an oak dining table, some water got on it and the paper stuck. I got most of the paper off, but now I can see the picture of the magazine emblazoned on the table. Now what can I do? — D.N.

A. Put a little cooking oil (any oil will do), let it sit on the "picture" for 15 minutes, then scrape with a wooden or plastic scraper.

Q. I had my outdoor wood stairs replaced with steel. I want to put in a rail; the uprights of the rail are steel pipes with a flange at the bottom

with eight screw holes. How can I put the pipes in without breaking the bricks? — D.C.

A. The flange is designed to be screwed into wood, but you should be able to attach it to brick. Position the flange where you want it and mark the screw holes. With a masonry bit in an electric drill, drill one-quarter-inch holes in the brick (not in the mortar) 2 inches deep.

Position the flange over the holes and drive one-quarter-inch galvanized or stainless steel bolts or lag screws 2 inches long into the holes, snugging them against the flange. The idea is to

make the bolts as tight in the holes as possible, so there will be no space for the bolts to wiggle but not so tight that they break the brick.

Keep the holes as close to the middle of the brick(s) as possible; bolts near the edges are more likely to break the brick. The posts will get some lateral motion, but the connection should last for years. Put caulking in the holes to keep water from entering the holes. If water does, and freezes, it will break the bricks.

Another method: Drill half-inch holes in the brick and fill

them with hydraulic cement (sold in building stores), then drive the bolts in the holes; the hydraulic cement expands as it sets and will hold bolts in place.

Q. My redwood deck is set on small beams on top of a rubber roof. The floor boards are spaced to allow drainage onto the roof. Everything is fine except hornets, wasps or bees are making their nests between floor boards and roof, and it isn't very pleasant out there, especially at meal times. The insects love my dinner, but they don't particularly like me. How can I keep them out? I don't

want to use insecticides if I can help it. — J.M.

A. Using insecticides is hazardous, especially when used against wasps. Shooting the stuff in an enclosed area is difficult, and the wasps may be back in a few days anyway. Besides, wasps are beneficial, since they eat a lot of bad bugs.

The idea is to keep them out

of that area, and there's the rub.

You could put in a new floor with boards butted tight against each other, and screen the openings between beams sitting on the roof, but the floor would then hold water. Screening under the floor boards would work.

— By Peter Hutton, Knight-Ridder News Service

Liquid remover will take stains from vinyl siding

Q. How can I remove stains on white vinyl siding from spilled deck stain (Clear Wood Finish)? I tried paint thinner without success. — R.D.

A. Try liquid (not semipaste) paint remover, dipped in steel wool. Wear rubber gloves. Rub lightly; too heavy rubbing will burnish the vinyl, giving it a shine. Try an obscure area first; if the paint remover softens the vinyl, then don't use it. If this doesn't work, sand lightly with fine sandpaper. If all else fails, sand, then paint the stains with white latex house paint.

Q. It costs me \$2,000 a year to heat my 11-room, two-family house made from old soap factories stuck together. The contractor, who is replacing the clap-

boards, wants to insulate from the outside, taking off the sheathing boards first. But how can fiberglass batts, with the foil vapor barrier, be installed? It seems impossible to staple the foil onto the joists facing the inside wall. — K.C.

A. It isn't impossible, but it isn't easy. If you use batts with a foil (or paper) vapor barrier backing, the contractor could insert the batts, push aside the fiberglass and staple the flange of the foil to the sides of the studs. A better way, and faster, is to staple polyethylene plastic to the sides of the studs so that the plastic is pressing against the outside of the inside wall. Then put in unbacked, friction-fit fiberglass batts. This done, and

if you also insulate the attic floor, you will cut the heating bill virtually in half.

Q. I plan to paint my 1942 Formica counter tops, but I'd like to get rid of the metal rim at the edge. Is there a good border I could put on the edge of the counter? — P.N.

A. Try a strip of oak molding, 1½ inches wide and three-quarters inch thick. The width will give the edge a more substantial look. Given two or three coats of varnish, it will look good and last for years. Pry off the metal trim and nail the oak

molding to the edge of the plywood, so that it butts securely against the plastic top. The only problem, however, is that the metal strip may be covering a ragged edge of the counter top. If that is the case, you have three choices: 1. Put the metal back on and live with it. 2. Cut the plywood and plastic top straight so that the oak molding does butt tightly against the plastic. 3. Apply the oak molding and fill in gaps between plastic and molding with a wood filler, sand smooth and paint it along with the plastic.

— By Peter Hutton

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Insulated attic worth the cost

By Peter Hottel
Knight-Ridder News Service
Q. My attic is very low, with hardly room to sit up in, so I will have to have insulation blown in instead of trying to crawl around putting in batts or rolls. Besides, the trap door is so small that it would be difficult to get batts or rolls through it. A contractor will blow in insulation for 65 cents a square foot, up to 8 inches thick. Is this worth doing? — B.D.

A. It certainly is, and the cost is reasonable, considering 6-inch fiberglass batts or rolls cost 25 to 30 cents a square foot. The main thing to be aware of is not to have insulation blown in the eaves, that is, where the roof overhangs the wall. If insulation is blown in that area, serious condensation of moisture could occur, causing bigger problems than you have now. To prevent this from occurring when the insulation is blown in, wood baffles are inserted between each set of joists near the overhang. It's an easy thing to do, despite the restricted space in the attic, and is essential to a good job.

Q. I'd like to paint the wood paneling in my family room, but the paneling is solid wood, with some knots, and lots of holes and fissures, some of them a half inch deep and 1 or 2 inches wide. Can I fill those areas with joint compound, sand smooth and paint? — A.S.

A. It is unlikely that this will work; the wood will expand and contract and the joint compound will break up and look worse than the paneling does now. The paneling sounds like the "pecky cypress" poppy eye back. You have several choices: 1) Wash the paneling with paint

thinner, apply shellac to the knots to prevent the bleeding through the paint, apply a coat of latex enamel undercoater and finish with a flat or eggshell finish latex wall paint. The texture of the paneling will show, but at least it will be light in color.

2) Fill the depressions and holes with joint compound, sand smooth and apply a heavy, "cover-all" type of wallpaper, which can be painted. Or, put up a Wall-Tex type paper that can be painted.

Putting plasterboard directly on the paneling is not a good idea because it may interfere with the baseboard heating units.

3) Take off the paneling and put up a plasterboard wall. This is a major undertaking. Putting plasterboard directly on the paneling is not a good idea because it may interfere with the baseboard heating units; also, the thickness of the plasterboard butting up against window and door frames will give them an indented look, and spoil the style of the room.

Q. I discovered some sawdust around a piece of furniture I bought 8 to 10 months ago, and small holes in the wood. Are there insects in the wood, and how can I get rid of them? Will they go to other wood furniture in the house? — F.C.

A. There certainly may be, and they may be powder post beetles or their larvae. Even though the purchase was made months ago, I'd take it back to the dealer. You could try this, however: Invert the furniture so the holes are facing up and paint the holes with paint thinner, making sure the thinner goes liberally into the holes. This will not hurt the furniture (it might dull the finish, which can be restored by lightly rubbing with a dry cloth), but may kill any critters that are in there. Then again, the insects may be long gone, and the sawdust just recently made its appearance. Rubbing alcohol will also kill the insects, as will bleach. Avoid getting alcohol or bleach on the finish; use an eye dropper to put it into the holes. Insects, if any, could get into other furniture but I think that is unlikely.

Q. My cedar fence is 15 years old and in good shape, but is discolored (black, reddish and other nondescript colors), plus what looks like a white fungus. How can I clean it to make it look like new wood, and keep it that way? — R.F.

A. Some of the dark colors are due to weathering, but the black is probably mostly mildew, and the white fungus is also a form of mildew. Bleach will kill the mildew and lighten the wood. Make a mix of 1 part bleach and 3 parts of water and paint this on the entire fence. Let it dry. If you like the way the fence looks after this, leave it.

If not, rinse the bleach off and apply CWF (Clear Wood Finish) sold in paint stores. This will restore weathered wood to a new look and keep it that way.



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Duct use key to heating

Does this ever happen in your house? The thermostat indicates that it's warm enough, but you still feel chilly and uncomfortable. If so, maybe your heating outlets are located in the wrong place, suggests the Better Heating-Cooling Council.

Although comfort is a subjective feeling and may vary from person to person, there are criteria which are accepted as standard.

For instance, people are most comfortable when there is a minimum difference in the temperature between the floor and ceiling.

Tests conducted at the University of Illinois demonstrate that hydronic (warm-water) baseboard heating panels, when installed along outside walls, especially under the windows, are particularly effective in minimizing temperature differences between floors and ceilings.

There is no enclavement of warmth throughout the room, and the baseboard panels act as a barrier against cold drafts when they are installed at the perimeter of the house.

Another important comfort tip: locate all thermostats away from direct contact with heat, cold and sunlight.

This permits them to accurately record the temperature in the room.

Do some comparison shopping when it comes to choosing a mortgage

By Stephen Advokat
Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. You usually pay whatever people ask and now are closing in on a new home, let your mortgage be the reason to discover the power of comparison shopping.

A. It might not seem like much to drop one-quarter percent, but over the life of a 30-year mortgage, that move can save you a bundle.

How important is it? "Extremely," says Al King, senior vice president and manager in the mortgage department of First Federal of Michigan.

For example, suppose you have a choice between a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage at either 9 percent or 9 1/4 percent. By dropping one-quarter percent, you save \$18.06 a month. However, your total savings would be about \$6,500 in interest, adding all those \$18.06 months for the life of the loan.

But interest rates on the mortgage are only one facet of comparison shopping on the loan.

Different lenders charge different fees on their loans. Some offer lower interest rates, but tack on "points," each equaling

one percent of the loan. Others charge fees if any points, but hike their interest rates.

In the 1970s, the federal government ruled that lenders had to provide consumers with an annual percentage rate that reflected both the loan and fees of obtaining the loan. That's the rate you should ask for when trying to determine whose is the best.

"People call up and say, 'What is your rate?'" says King. "But the true rate search ought to be for an annual percentage rate which involves the rate on the loan plus the cost to acquire the loan as interest."

Important rates are, they're not the only thing to consider when it's time for the mortgage. "The thing you should be looking at in addition to the dollars is who are you dealing with," says Ron Melnick, vice president in the mortgage department of Standard Federal in Michigan.

"What kind of servicing are they going to get, how convenient will it be to deal with these people?"

Melnick notes that acquiring the mortgage may only be the beginning, not the end, of your relationship with the lending

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institution.

If, during the life of the loan, you can't make a payment, you may appreciate the proximity of a local lender.

Also consider other features the institution may offer.

Can you make additional, penalty-free payments against the principal of the loan, should you decide to build equity in the mortgage?

What fees are involved in the mortgage? And can you make a 13th payment one year if you choose to increase your income tax interest deduction?

The guidelines for qualifying for a mortgage are generally uniform.

Your housing expense — principal, interest, taxes and insurance — should not be more than 28 percent of your stable monthly gross income.

Gambling winnings or a little extra overtime one month won't count.

"Stable" also means you've been on the job at least two years.

The second measure to qualify for a loan involves reviewing your total debt.

Prospective home owners with a sizable income but tremendous

debt — large credit card balances, car loans, student loans — would likely have a more difficult time qualifying than someone with a modest income and who is debt-free.

Your total monthly payments, including the new mortgage but excluding food, utilities and other expenses, should not exceed 36 percent of your income.

These are only guidelines. They sometimes are broken if you make a compelling argument for why an exception should be made.

Once you've applied for the loan, the lending institution takes over, checking whether the property is worth what you're prepared to spend and whether you are a good risk.

"We do an appraisal of the property," says Melnick.

"We'll also order a credit report. During the process we would have ordered title insurance on the property to make sure it is clear, and a property survey to determine that there are no encroachments on someone else's property line."

This all takes about three weeks. And it's not cheap. Fees run about \$250, and you're usually non-refundable, so you don't want to formally apply unless you have a reasonable expectation of being approved.

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Special treatment improves efficiency of concrete blocks

By Gene Austin
Knight-Ridder News Service

Concrete blocks, used to build foundations and walls of many houses, often need special treatment to improve their energy efficiency.

Q. We are building a single-story home with concrete-block walls. The contractor says the blocks are good insulators by themselves, but we're worried about heating and cooling costs. I'm considering putting insulation particles inside the blocks or other insulation. What do you think? — S.S.

A. Ordinary concrete blocks and other types of masonry such as solid concrete and bricks, are very poor insulators in terms of R value or resistance to heat transfer. Masonry does have some ability to store heat, which can be an advantage in some cases and a disadvantage in others.

Uninsulated concrete-block walls can store heat and continue to radiate it even when the sun is gone and the outside temperature drops — an advantage in cold, sunny weather, but a disadvantage in hot weather.

Some block manufacturers have created special insulation systems for exterior walls, such as foam-insulation inserts that fit into hollow spaces in the blocks.

Some inserts span joints between blocks as well as fill voids in the blocks, and can be very effective. Another way to improve the R value is to pour granular insulation, such as expanded polystyrene (Zonolite, Perlite) or vermiculite, into the block cavities.

One good method is to cover the interior of the walls with rigid insulation boards such as urethane or polystyrene. The insulation panels are generally glued in place between vertical wood furring strips.

A moisture barrier of polyethylene sheeting is then stapled to the furring strips, covering the insulation. Panels of gypsum board (drywall) are nailed or screwed to the furring strips and the wall can be finished with paint or wallpaper.

Rough or irregular block walls are sometimes insulated on the interior with fiberglass blanket insulation. The walls are first covered with a polyethylene moisture barrier, then 2-by-4 studs are built.

Insulation in installed between the studs, which can be covered

with drywall or paneling.

Any leaks in basement walls should be repaired before insulation is installed. In basements, insulation is most needed on the above-ground portion of the walls.

Portions of underground walls more than about two feet below ground level should be left insulated to avoid possible foundation problems such as heaving.

Q. We bought a new house with oak floors about 18 months ago. Many of the floorboards have cupped or buckled against each other. This is especially noticeable in summer. The builder says it is normal. What can be wrong? — M.A.

A. Floorboards cup when they gain or lose moisture on one side faster than on the other side. This can happen when the boards have an impervious finish such as polyurethane on the top surface but are bare on the underside, where they will continue to absorb moisture. The cupping is usually concave, with the edges of boards higher than the center.

Severe cupping is usually caused by a moisture problem under the floor, such as a damp crawl space or basement.

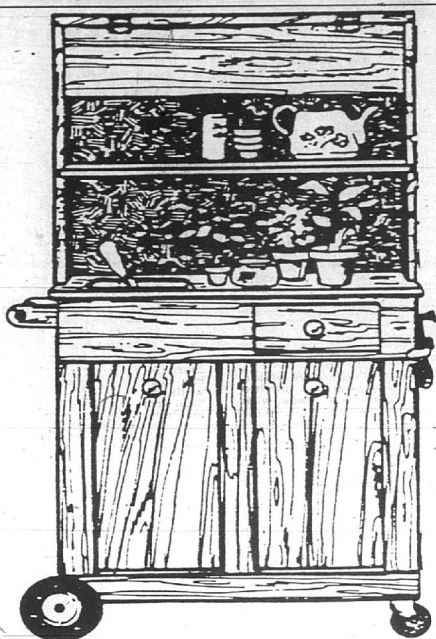
If the moisture problem can be solved and the floor dries out, the boards will often become flat again.

The first step is to make sure rain gutters are in good condition and water is draining away from the house. A crawl space must be well-ventilated and might need a plastic moisture barrier on the floor.

If there is a basement, a waterproofing paint on the walls and use of a dehumidifier should help.

If demounting measures like these don't eliminate or reduce the cupping, it might eventually be necessary to sand the floors so they are flat again and refinish.

For more information on cupping and other wood-floor problems, send a check for \$5 to the National Wood Flooring Association, 11046 Manchester Rd., Kirkwood, Mo. 63122. Ask for the booklet "Hardwood Floors: Handling Complaints, Troubleshooting."



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Wood moulding adds a touch of class to any room. With its array of styles and colors, it makes a personalized statement anywhere.

With the right tools and a little practice, installing moulding is an easy do-it-yourself task. Here is a brief guide to the planning, measuring and installation process.

Tool: Do-it-yourselfers don't need a deep toolbox (or deep pockets) to install their own moulding. The following tools are all that's necessary to do the job right:

• Miter box: Holds the saw in place to allow perfect angled cuts when cutting mouldings at 45° and 90° angles. Power miter boxes, available at most tool rental shops, make the most accurate cuts; experts recommend them for all but the smallest jobs.

• Back saw: A fine-tooth saw used with a miter box.

• Coping saw: Used to cut most inside corner joints.

• Finishing nails and nail set: (to drive nails below the surface of the wood).

• Staples/staple gun: Some prefer this to a hammer. (Make sure it's not a spring-loaded staple gun, which always requires goggles when using any power tool.)

• Tape measure, hammer, sandpaper and safety goggles are also needed.

Planning the project

• The best moulding treatments are often subtle. Look carefully at the detailing in well-constructed residential and commercial buildings for styling ideas. Then buy a minimal quantity of the desired profile and lay it out at home before investing in the full purchase. After careful observation, you'll discover moulding techniques to enhance virtually any architectural style and that combining multiple profiles can create distinctive effects.

Deciding how much to buy: List the rooms or projects in which the moulding will be used and decide the moulding profile needed for each room.

To determine how much moulding to buy, measure the length of each wall, rounding up to the next full foot. Remember, too, that many mouldings are sold in random lengths — so you'll need additional material

to allow for splicing joints.

Handling and storage

Moulding should be stored in a clean, dry place. Before installing, lay it out for 24 to 48 hours in the room in which it will be used. This allows the wood to acclimate to the room's temperature and humidity, which prevents expansion or contraction after it has been installed.

Cutting: Moulding cuts must be precise in order to ensure a good fit, so several scrap pieces before beginning the project. If more than one type of moulding is being used, test with scrap pieces to decide how it should be stacked or spaced. Hold the moulding up to the ceiling or floor and mark the position for nailing before you make the first cut.

On ends that will be mitered to fit an outside corner, add the measurement of the width of the moulding to the end.

Among the cuts used for moulding application:

• Mitters: The most basic cut used in installing moulding, mitters are cut at a 45° angle using a miter box and back saw. This cut is used when two pieces of moulding meet at an outside corner, an inside corner (where the moulding is applied flat to the wall) or around doors and windows.

• Copes: Coping is used when butting ceiling mouldings at an inside corner. One piece is cut to fit flat to the wall at a right angle, while the adjoining piece is sawed to fit the face profile of that piece.

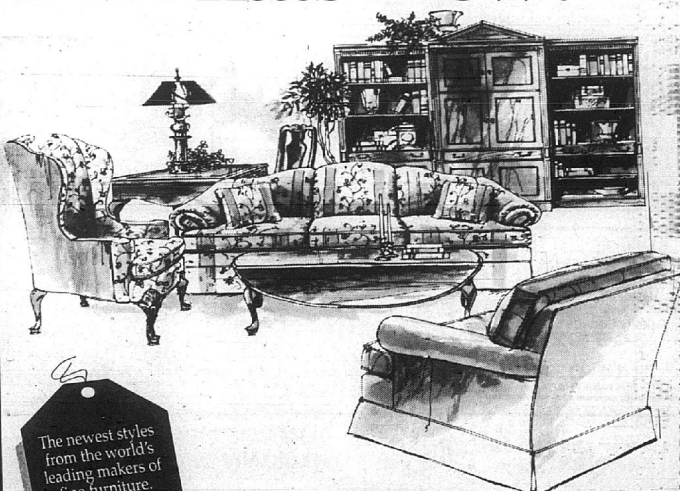
• Splicing: Splicing is used to join pieces of moulding end-to-end when there is no place left enough to cover the space.

Installation

Work around the room, nailing the moulding into place one wall at a time. Blunt the nail ends with a hammer or drill pilot holes to avoid splitting the wood. To avoid marring the moulding with hammer blows, leave nail heads exposed and use a nail set to drive them below the surface of the wood.

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Fuel waste? Check ducts

By Gene Austin

Knight-Ridder News Service
Ducts are sometimes overlooked by homeowners wondering why their heating and cooling bills are high, but these conduits for heated and cooled air are frequently a major source of fuel waste.

According to a study by the Florida Solar Energy Center, 40 percent of about 90 homes checked had duct leaks severe enough to cause an increase of more than one-third in energy demand for heating. Seventy-five percent of the homes had significant duct leakage.

Heating and cooling loss is most common with metal ducts. Some newer homes have energy-efficient ducts made from fiberglass; these are generally tightly sealed, and the insulation shell helps prevent temperature loss or gain as the air travels between the heating system and rooms.

Tracking down major duct problems is best done by a technician with special equipment. This is especially true of heat-pump systems where there are sometimes costly defects in return-air ducts. For example, in some heat-pump homes, poorly designed return ducts pick up cold air from unheated spaces.

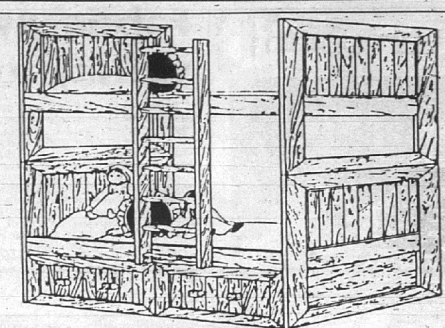
Reheating the cold air can greatly increase electrical use. However, do-it-yourselfers can often significantly improve duct performance simply by taping unsealed or loose joints with duct tape, a wide silver-colored tape sold at most home centers and hardware stores. Always buy high-quality tape; cheap tapes often come loose.

Check both supply and return ducts for points where air might leak, especially joints, and seal them with tape strips. Ducts that run through unheated areas such as crawl spaces and attics can also be improved by wrapping them with insulation.

Ducts in unused basements can be insulated, although the heat lost by ducts in a basement is often beneficial because it can help keep plumbing pipes from freezing. Special duct insulation, generally foil-faced fiberglass about two inches thick, is available at some home centers and building supply outlets. The insulation is simply wrapped around the duct, foil side out, and sealed at all joints with tape. The trickiest part of an installation is getting the correct measurement for the pieces of insulation so they cover the duct without gaps. One system is to measure the circumference of the duct with a piece of string.

If the duct is rectangular, add eight inches to the circumference when cutting pieces to wrap. If the duct is round, add 12 inches.

Ducts that run between joints can be insulated by taping insulation to the bottom edges of the joints. It is also possible to insulate ducts with fiberglass wall insulation, normally 3 1/2-inches thick. Use only foil-faced insulation.



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Installer important as quality windows

By Gene Austin

Knight-Ridder News Service
When buying replacement windows, picking a good installer is as important as picking high-quality windows.

Q. Last spring we had vinyl thermal windows installed in our home.

A cold draft seems to come through them.

I complained to the company, and they just said the windows are the best available. I've heard of a "low E" coating that can be put on the glass. Would it help these windows?

A. No coating on the glass is going to help drafty windows. Drafts, or air infiltration through windows, can occur at the joints of the glass with the sash frames, the joints between or around sashes, and the joints of the frame with the wall.

Many of the better-quality thermal windows are tested in pressurized streams of air to make sure they are well sealed against air infiltration.

However, even the best thermal windows can be drafty and ineffective if they are a poor fit in the window opening or are not properly installed.

For example, there are sometimes sizable gaps between the frame of the window and the so-called rough opening in the wall. In a good installation, these gaps are filled with insulation to prevent air entry.

Careful caulking is also needed around the exterior trim or casing of the window to prevent infiltration of air and water.

Homeowners who are considering installation of replacement windows should make sure the installer is experienced and reputable.

Ask for references of past customers and check them. Also insist on a written warranty against defects from the manufacturer and a written guarantee of satisfactory performance from the installer.

ESPECIALLY important is a long-term warranty by the manufacturer covering leaks in the thermal seal of the window glass.

If leaks develop, they can lead to fogging and dirt between the glass panes. Finally, complain and complain again when poor service is given.

Q. What are some of the things that would indicate my house might need rewiring? Sometimes the lights blink momentarily.

A. Blinking or dimming of lights sometimes happens when appliances start up, since the motors or compressors draw considerably more power at this point than they do while running. Blinking or dimming can also be a sign of inadequate electrical service or an overloaded circuit, but does not necessarily mean rewiring is needed.

OLDER HOMES, in particular, are often not equipped to handle the many electrical appliances now in use.

Insulation It differs for walls and attics

Money and energy can be saved by insulating the exterior walls and attic of older, uninsulated homes. But different insulation and installation techniques are needed for walls than attics.

To insulate the exterior walls of an older home, the installer must bore holes at the top, bottom, and middle of the walls. The holes will be drilled every 16 inches. That is normal spacing of the wood studs inside the walls.

The holes can be drilled on the outside of wooden homes or on the inside of masonry homes. After the insulation has been installed, the holes can be filled and repainted.

Cellulose insulation is preferred for wall cavities. Cellulose is made of ground-up newspaper treated with a fire retardant.

Fiberglass or rock wool insulations have a tendency to collect on wires or they hang up on nails inside the walls, so there is no assurance of a total fill for each stud space.

By contrast, cellulose filters down and will more than likely fill every crack. After the insulation has been installed, the inside face of the exterior walls can be repainted with a "zero perm" paint. This keeps the moisture in the room and out of the insulation, where it could cause damage.

For insulating an attic, the choice is more complex. Cellulose is desirable in walls, but it is not desirable in an attic. It takes about eight inches of

cellulose to achieve an R-30 rating. This is the rating an attic should have. After a few years, the settled cellulose may only be five or six inches thick, and more insulation might be needed.

Blown fiberglass and rock wool do not settle as easily. The disadvantage is that it requires ten inches of fiberglass or 11 inches of rock wool for R-30 rating. This really cuts down on needed storage space.

Some hardware stores have machines available for rent so homeowners can blow in insulation themselves.

Another alternative is to install fiberglass batts that come in various thicknesses and widths. This type of insulation can be easily installed by a do-it-yourselfer without renting any equipment.

Make sure the width of the insulation is the same as the joist spacing that is to be insulated. Unfaced insulation is recommended for attics. But if an insulation is used that has paper or foil facing, the insulation needs to be installed with the facing side down.

That facing is a vapor barrier that keeps the moisture inside the house. If the facing is on the top side, the moisture will condense inside the insulation and ruin it.

(Jim Vykopal, the writer of this article, is president of Architectural Inspections Inc.)

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Blooms from award-winner brighten room

Rose lovers take note of this floribunda: the Amber Queen, a 1988 All-America Rose Selections Inc. award winner, continues its winning ways with two new international honors.

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Fabric styles provide variety for decorators

Decorating trends are usually inhibitive, requiring followers of fashion to pigeon-hole their tastes into the most popular definition of style. Today's fabric trends, however, offer consumers the freedom to choose from a wide range of colors, styles and designs — at the window and in the rest of the room — to create a truly individualized look that fits their own personal lifestyles.

According to the National Decorating Products Association, which represents 8,000 independent decorating centers nationwide, the only restriction on current trends may be refinement. "Decorating Retailer," the association's monthly trade magazine, interviewed fabricators and manufacturers of window treatments who reported that while just anything goes in fabric these days, the trend is toward an elegant, scaled-down look.

But there is plenty of selection even here. Pinch-pleated draperies, festoons, cascades, swags and jabots, puddles, side panels, valances, and pole swags, custom upholstery, bedspreads, and table rounds can all make personal statements. Consumers can select any of these and many other treatments and still create a look that is stylish.

Contributing to an elegant look at the window are trim and other embellishments. Tassels, fringes, rosettes and tiebacks give a finishing touch, while saying "custom."

Customization is another key trend for the '90s. This word may carry a connotation of "expensive," but new printing technology has made expensive-looking fabrics affordable. Richly-textured jacquard, tapestry, and damask prints are now within reach of the average consumer because they're printed, not woven.

Overall, there is a growing acceptance within all fabric categories for bolder colors and more patterns, said suppliers. Decorative prints are strong and allow consumers to put their own signature on the decor.

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Autumn is good time to clean spa

By Al Schneider
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Pools and spas are fairly expensive items that require maintenance and attention to make them as reliable as possible.

Simple off-season care is as important to the life of your spa and pool as regular swimming cleaning and chemical treatments.

If you've been maintaining your pool properly all summer, then you'll have a log of the chemicals you've added and the problems you've encountered during the warmer months.

Fall is the perfect time to make needed repairs and to check your supplies.

This time of year there are great bargains on pool and spa supplies.

Stock up for next year. If you've maintained a log book of the chemical tests, methods, problems and material used during the summer, you'll be able to estimate your needs for next year, to prevent shortages and to correct problems.

Start by draining, cleaning and partially refilling the pool or spa to prevent freeze damage this winter.

This is especially important for wooden hot tubs that will not be in use this winter.

Empty wood hot tubs will shrink and crack. They must be partially filled at all times. In addition, I

recommend oiling the outside of the tub. Summer heat can cause the lanais in the wood to leach out and damage the wood surfaces.

Never oil the inside of a wooden hot tub. A porous wood surface is necessary in order to absorb water for a tight water seal.

Refilled pools should be super chlorinated to stay clean and healthy during the winter.

A pool cannot be used after super chlorinating. To superchlorinate, simply add chlorine and test until the free chlorine levels are at least ten times the normal level or about 10 ppm.

Several days may pass before chlorine levels drop below 2.5 ppm, a safe level for re-entering the water.

Hot tubs should never be super chlorinated. The excess chlorine can cause the wood fibers to break down and rot.

Extra cleaning and scrubbing will keep the hot tubs clean and fit for use.

For the best results, I suggest cleaning your hot tubs or spas at least four times a year.

Hot tubs and spas can be used ten times more than an outdoor pool.

In addition they always have more people in less water at higher temperatures. These factors lead to increased bacteria growth and a potential for a health hazard.

To avoid problems, follow the specific operating and cleaning

instructions of the manufacturer.

Remember that a partially filled pool or spa can be a danger to children and pets. Take the necessary precautions, such as locking doors and gates and using a pool cover to prevent accidents.

Fall also is the time to check pumps, motors and lines to make sure they are thoroughly drained and covered.

Good pool and spa covers should not promote sweating. If the cover traps water, it may freeze in winter, swell in important parts and break your expensive motor seals and lines.

Take the time to scrub all of the filters and to store them in a dry area for the winter.

Autumn also is time to lubricate all of the valves and leave them partially open to encourage drainage.

Prepare and paint any surfaces that need it. Pool paints take a lot of time to cure. Painting this fall will allow them to cure and seal over the winter.

Remember, any pool painting job is only as good as the preparation of the surface. Before you paint, clean the surface with the chemicals recommended by the pool manufacturer and paint to the manufacturer's specifications.

Using these tips, your pool or spa should work swimmingly next spring.

If you have questions about pool or spa maintenance, call me at Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker Hotline 946-3000.

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